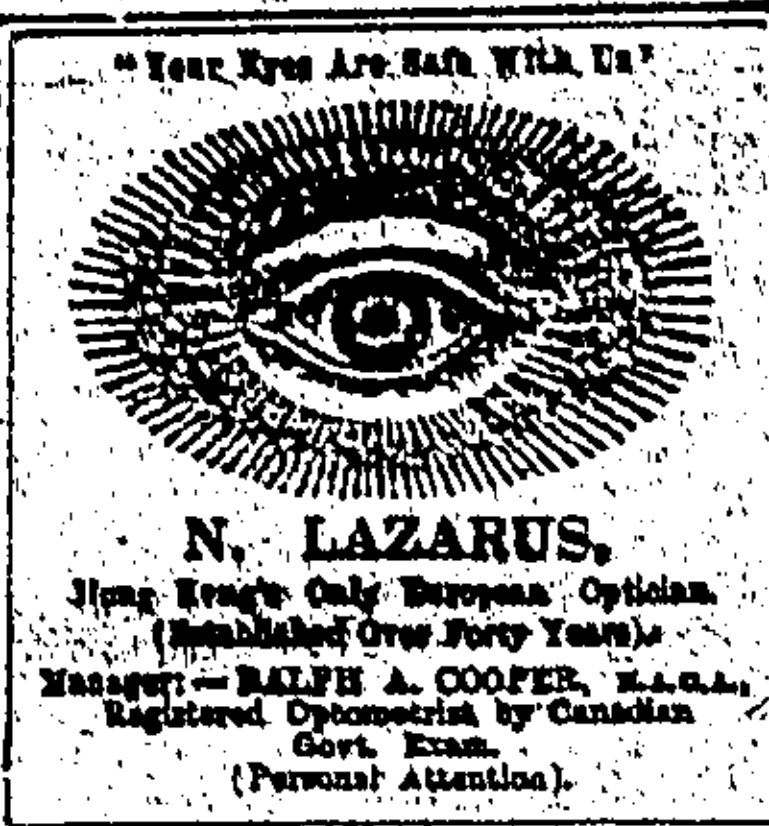


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Kowloon ...Dep.	8.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.35	3.00	4.45
Yau Ma Tei ...Dep.	8.45	8.10	9.15	10.05	12.05	1.20	2.40	3.05	4.50
Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	8.25	9.30	10.20	12.20	1.35	2.55	3.20	5.05
Tai Po ...Dep.	7.15	8.40	9.45	10.35	12.35	1.50	3.10	3.35	5.20
Tai Po Market ...Dep.	7.30	8.55	10.00	10.50	12.50	2.05	3.25	3.50	5.35
Fanning ...Dep.	7.45	9.10	10.15	11.05	13.05	2.20	3.40	4.05	5.40
Sham Shui Po ...Dep.	7.55	9.20	10.25	11.15	13.15	2.30	3.50	4.15	5.50
Sham Shui Po ...Arr.	7.41	8.45	10.10	10.55	12.55	2.15	3.35	4.00	5.41
Canton ...Arr.	11.50	5.38	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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Canton ...Dep.	—	—	8.05	—	11.57	2.48	4.41	5.49	6.46
Sham Shui Po ...Dep.	7.18	8.05	10.34	11.09	12.57	2.48	4.41	5.49	6.46
Sham Shui Po ...Dep.	7.25	8.12	10.41	—	12.07	2.58	4.51	5.59	6.56
Fanning ...Dep.	7.30	8.18	10.48	—	12.19	3.10	5.03	6.11	7.08
Tai Po Market ...Dep.	7.40	8.28	10.58	—	12.30	3.21	5.14	6.22	7.19
Tai Po ...Dep.	7.50	8.38	11.08	—	12.40	3.31	5.24	6.32	7.29
Shatin ...Dep.	7.57	8.45	11.15	—	12.51	3.42	5.35	6.43	7.40
Yau Ma Tei ...Dep.	8.11	8.58	11.25	—	13.01	3.52	5.45	6.53	7.50
Kowloon ...Arr.	8.17	9.03	11.31	11.49	13.37	3.57	5.50	6.58	7.54

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Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	8.25	9.30	10.20	12.20	1.35	2.55	3.20	5.05
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Tai Po Market ...Dep.	7.30	8.55	10.00	10.50	12.50	2.05	3.25	3.50	5.35
Fanning ...Dep.	7.45	9.10	10.15	11.05	13.05	2.20	3.40	4.05	5.40
Sham Shui Po ...Dep.	7.55	9.20	10.25	11.15	13.15	2.30	3.50	4.15	5.50
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LANCASHIRE'S PLANS.

TO REGAIN JAPANESE
MARKET.

MASS PRODUCTION AND
OTHER REFORMS.

London, Nov. 18th.

Lancashire, Britain's cotton spinning and weaving centre, intends to attempt to counteract Japan's triumphant competition for the Far Eastern textile trade (wires Mr. F. A. Mackenzie to the *Japan Advertiser*). It plans increasingly to adopt standardization of grades of yarn and cloth, mass production and the centralization of distribution for the main textile lines.

This movement is receiving the enthusiastic support of the press, the leading manufacturers and shippers, including the president of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners and authorities on the China trade such as Sir Kenneth Steward.

The commercial section of the *Manchester Guardian* says that "many people live in a fool's paradise, believing that Lancashire's future lies in the expansion of the finer end of the trade and the production of high class novelties. If this is the sole future, then it will be the future of a Lancashire with perhaps half its present industrial plant."

The section of the trade which is attempting to counteract the national pessimism with regard to textiles is advertising that Britain's textile predominance is still the wonder of the world, as the country has exported £800,000,000 worth of textiles since the beginning of 1924.

Won't Accept Report.

The Federation of Master Cotton Spinners has refused to accept the report of its own committee announcing its failure to arrange an agreement with the yarn association for curtailing production and regulating selling prices in the American cotton section.

The *Times* declares that Lancashire's fate will be one of two alternatives: either a converted and considered reorganization of the textile trade or the survival of the fittest through unrestricted competition. This means that the mills in difficulties, numbering about 100, will go bankrupt and that some of the towns concerned will perish. Others will survive, but in weakened condition. The narrow individualism mentality of Lancashire may make this inevitable.

MURDER BY MISTAKE?

A BROTHER'S DEATH.

ALLAHABAD.

A murder committed in mistake and under peculiar circumstances has come to light in the Sialkot district of Punjab, 85 miles north-east of Lahore.

During the last cattle fair three brothers, it is alleged, conspired to rob a merchant who came to the fair to drink water. Having received him with hospitality, they offered to accommodate him for the night.

Late at night two of the three began digging a grave in which to bury the merchant after they had murdered him. The third brother had gone out for some food and the merchant was asleep.

The merchant had a premonition that he was not safe and escaped by climbing a tree. When the third brother returned he found the body empty and, thinking that the other two had finished their task, he lay on the bed to wait for them and fell asleep.

When the other two returned they stealthily approached the bed which they supposed to be occupied by the merchant and killed him with their own hands.

When the police arrived the merchant, who was still in the tree, jumped down and narrated the story to the police, and the two brothers were arrested.

HERTFORDSHIRE ROAD MYSTERY.

PEDESTRIAN KILLS BOY
CYCLIST.

WALKS ON WITH GIRL
COMPANION.

Hertford, Nov. 9th.

Strenuous but vain efforts have been made by the Hertford police to throw light on the astonishing mystery of the death of the 17-years-old cyclist, Geoffrey Crawley, who is alleged to have been knocked from his machine by a passer-by on the Welwyn road, two miles away from here, yesterday afternoon.

A detailed account of the attack has been given by one of the dead lad's three companions who were with him when he died.

This was Kenneth Carter, a 15-years-old boy, who lives at Mill House, Lemsford, a village near Hatfield, where the dead lad also lived with his parents. Carter said:

"I set off yesterday afternoon with Geoffrey Crawley, whom I knew very well, and Albert Brand and George Morris, of Gosmore, who are both 17. We decided to cycle over to Hertford for a ride."

Stepped Across The Road.
I was riding along with Brand near me and Crawley and Morris behind, when I saw coming towards us a young man and a girl arm-in-arm.

When we drew near to them the man let go of the girl's arm and stepped across the road. I thought at first he was coming towards me. He did not come to me and I glanced round and saw him strike a blow at Crawley. This blow seemed to strike Crawley on the shoulder and he fell from the machine.

The man then walked back to the girl and they continued to go along the road together. We lifted Crawley up and laid him on the bank. He was bleeding from the back of the head and was unconscious. Passing motorists lent us a rug to lay him on, and went into Hertford to summon the ambulance.

Turned Down A Lane.
We did not go straight after the man and the girl because we were busy looking after Crawley and I was a little frightened of the man. I saw the couple turn down a lane leading from the road, and when a keeper came along I told him. We went down another lane which led to the end of the lane down which they went, but we did not see them.

I never heard the man who struck Crawley say a word. He simply stepped across the road, hit him, and stepped back again to the girl. He was about 30 and 5 ft. 5 in. or 5 ft. 6 in. in height, and he wore a blue-grey single-breasted suit and cap of the same colour. The girl, who was about 18, wore a brown coat and light-coloured stockings.

I had never seen him before. We had not made any remarks or done anything to annoy him.

Workmates Questioned.

Crawley was employed at an iron foundry at Welwyn Garden City, and the police have visited the place and questioned his fellow-workers. The police think that the man described by the boys must live in the neighbourhood, probably in Hertford. They detained a man this morning, but the three boys failed to identify him, and he was released.

The most baffling aspect of the affair is the apparent lack of motive. Three theories which might explain such an attack are:

The man had a personal grudge against the boy but was unknown to the three other lads. He mistook Crawley for some body else.

He imagined that Crawley had in some way insulted him.

The three boys have been separately questioned at length and their accounts of the incident are exactly similar.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Fanning Hunt: Hare and Hounds meet at Mr. Peter Potts' Bungalow, 2.45 p.m.
Yachting: 5th Championship race for racing yachts.
Y.M.C.A. Motor-Cycle Football, Mongkok, 3 p.m.

Lawn Bowls: Open Singles Championship final, Kowloon C.C. Green; and presentation of Spey Royal Cup, League Shields and other trophies, 3 p.m.

Cricket League: Division I: Craigengower C.C. v. S.S.C.C.; Chinese R.C. v. Royal Navy, Division II: Civil Service C.C. 2nd XI v. Royal Engineers.

Friendly Cricket: H.K.C.C. 1st XI v. R.C.C. 1st XI; Recreation R.A.F. v. Police R.C. v. Queen's Regt.; I.R.C. "B" v. H.K. Electric R.C.; University 2nd XI v. Club de Recreation.

Football League: Division I: Royal Artillery v. South China; Police v. K.O.S.B.; Chinese Ath. v. Club; Recreation v. Queen's; Scots Guards v. Kowloon, Division II: "A" v. Recreation v. St. Joseph's; Club v. Kowloon; K.O.S.B. v. South China; Royal Artillery v. University; South China "B" v. Chinese Ath. Division II: "B" v. St. Joseph's; South China "B" v. Kowloon v. Kung Woo; South China "A" v. Modems; Scouts v. Chinese Ath.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m. Cafe Regent and King Edward Hotel dinner dances, 8 p.m.

Variety Entertainment by the "Thracians" at the Wesleyan Old Sailors' and Soldiers' Home (in aid of Building and Equipment Fund for the New Home), 8.30 p.m.

Boxing: Tournament: 2nd K.O.S.B. v. H.M.S. Argus, Murray Barracks, 9 p.m.

H.K. Philharmonic Society present "Merrie England," Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

Peak Club Dance, 9.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Don Juan."
World Theatre: "For Heaven's Sake."

Star Theatre: "Oh! What a Nurse."
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles, etc. (Mantua), 10.30 a.m.; America, Canada, etc. and Europe via San Francisco (Siberia Maru), 5 p.m.; Europe via Siberia (Oryol), 5 p.m. Sunday.

3rd Sunday in Advent.
Golf: Semi-Final of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Championship, Fanning.

Fanning Hunt: Meet at Mrs. Harford's Bungalow, 10 a.m.
Yachting: Naval Day at Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

Friendly Cricket: University Past and Present v. Combined League, 10.30 a.m.; I.R.C. "B" v. Queen's Regt., 2 p.m.

Theosophical Society: Lecture by Mr. D. Gubbay, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8 p.m.

Social Gathering: St. John's Cathedral Hall, after Evensong "Cheer O" Y.M.C.A.—Men's Meeting, 7.45 p.m.

After dinner dance at Lee Gardens.
Queen's Theatre: "We're In the Navy Now."
World Theatre: "Red Dice."
Star Theatre: "A Hero on Horseback."

Principal Mails:—Inward: Canada, U.S.A., U.S.A., etc. (President Jackson).
Monday.

Yachting: Ladies' 3rd Championship Race.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

Hockey: Y.M.C.A. v. Club de Recreation, King's Park, 5 p.m.; University v. Fumjats and XI, 5 p.m.

Safe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
Social and Community Singing at St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club and farewell to the Vice-President (the Rev. H. Copley Moyle), 8.20 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Billiards' Challenge Cup Final, 9 p.m.
H.K. Philharmonic Society present "Merrie England," Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "We're In the Navy Now."
World Theatre: "Red Dice."
Star Theatre: "A Hero on Horseback."

Tuesday.
Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m. Organ Recital by Mr. F. Mason at St. John's Cathedral, 5.45 p.m.

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CRIME IN KIUKIANG.

NATIONALIST SOLDIERS AS BRIGANDS.

ARMED ROBBERIES ON CITY OUTSKIRTS.

KIUKIANG, Nov. 27th.

Reports have come in of several more forays by the marauders, who recently attacked the S.O.C. manager near Jaohow. Indeed, conditions are so bad that the road to Jaohow is now closed to traffic, as no junkman dares sail that way. An eye-witness, who was caught and robbed by these brigands, reports that there are a number of soldiers amongst them wearing the badges of the 6th and 9th Armies on the left arm and the usual red Kuomintang ticket on the left breast pocket of their grey uniforms. They are said to be troops of the Yunnan magistrates' bodyguard, who decamped recently after looting the magistrates' funds.

Singapore Chinese Murdered.

The number of armed robberies in the neighbourhood of Kiukiang is also on the increase. There have been five murders in the past week, so that Chinese have entirely given up moving at night outside the city limits. There was one particularly revolting murder on the Kuling Road. A returned Singapore Chinese gentleman was walking out to his house at Shihlipu along this road, when about a mile outside Kiukiang he was suddenly shot through the body. He fell and the murderer then fired two more shots at him on the ground. All the murderer got for his pains was a wrist-watch. The victim died the next day in Dr. Perkins' hospital.

Although conditions outside Kiukiang are bad, inside the city and the ex-Concession there has been a distinct improvement since the Nanking hordes—that is really the correct description of them—moved on to Hankow. The Communists, it is true, have tried to stir up trouble. Some caught distributing pamphlets have been promptly shot. It is difficult to find out what these pamphlets contain as no Chinese dare pick them up. It is as much as his life is worth to be seen reading one.

Death By Strangulation For Girls.

Amongst the executed are two girl students. They were granted the more lenient death by strangulation (instead of being shot). Whether the death is really a more pleasant one depends on how much the executioner has been bribed, because if he has not received what he considers the correct fee, he twists the cord and then untwists it again, then twists it a little more and so on to prolong the agony. The Chinese method of strangulation is not by hanging but by twisting a cord round the neck by means of a small stick.

There is considerable local dissatisfaction with the extortionate rates of coolie hire which have to be paid on all goods and cargo shipped through the various hulks. The shipping companies, very wisely, have adopted the attitude that it is for the shippers to settle the rate of hire with the coolies and, so far, the coolies have had it all their own way. Head coolies are making between \$1,000 and \$2,000 per month each and ordinary carry coolies \$50, \$60 and \$70 per month.—North China Daily News.

MOUTRIE'S SINGAPORE BUSINESS.

MANAGER'S ALLEGED CRIMINAL BREACH OF TRUST.

SINGAPORE, December 3rd. The case in which H. H. Madill, manager, Moutrie & Co., Singapore, was charged in the Third Police Court on Nov. 23rd with criminal breach of trust as a servant in respect of \$1,774.06, \$1,350 and \$1,000, was mentioned before the District Judge, Mr. N. D. Mudie, this morning by Mr. J. C. Cobbett on behalf of the complainant company.

Mr. Cobbett stated he understood that only a very few minutes would suffice to complete the matter. He asked that the case be fixed for Tuesday morning.

The application was allowed and accused was remanded in custody.

MAYOR OF GREATER SHANGHAI.

GENERAL CHANG TING FAN QUARRELS WITH NANKING.

OPPOSITION TO HIS REFORM PROGRAMME.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 5th.

After having been Mayor of Greater Shanghai for a few days more than two months, Gen. Chang Ting Fan has placed his resignation in the hands of the Nanking Government.

Gen. Chang assumed office on September 17th, at which time he outlined a very progressive policy of municipal reform, which he attempted to put into immediate practice. Misunderstandings arose between him and the Nanking authorities, which made it impossible for him to continue in office. Gen. Chang, in his letter of resignation, emphasized this fact and stated that his policy with reference to the Kuomintang had also differed from that of his fellow members.

Gen. Chang left for Nanking some days ago and has been away since. It is stated that it is highly improbable that he will return to Shanghai. Meanwhile, Mr. Chow, the chief secretary of the municipality, is directing affairs until a successor has been appointed.

General Chang's Career.

Gen. Chang Ting Fan, who is 38 years of age, is a native of Kiangsi. He graduated from the department of engineering, Pao-tung Military Academy, with honours, and, after seeing service in Kuangtung and Fukien as regimental and later brigade commander, was appointed chief staff officer to the Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist Armies and served in that capacity during the early part of the Northern Punitive Expedition. Following the occupation of his home province, Gen. Chang was elected a member of the Kiangsi Provisional Political Commission and afterwards was appointed Municipal Director of Nanchang. He was then transferred to the position of chief of staff to the Director General of the Eastern Route Armies and for some months has been chief of staff to the Shanghai and Woosung Garrison Commissioner. Gen. Chang held the latter position concurrently with his post as Mayor of Greater Shanghai.—North China Daily News.

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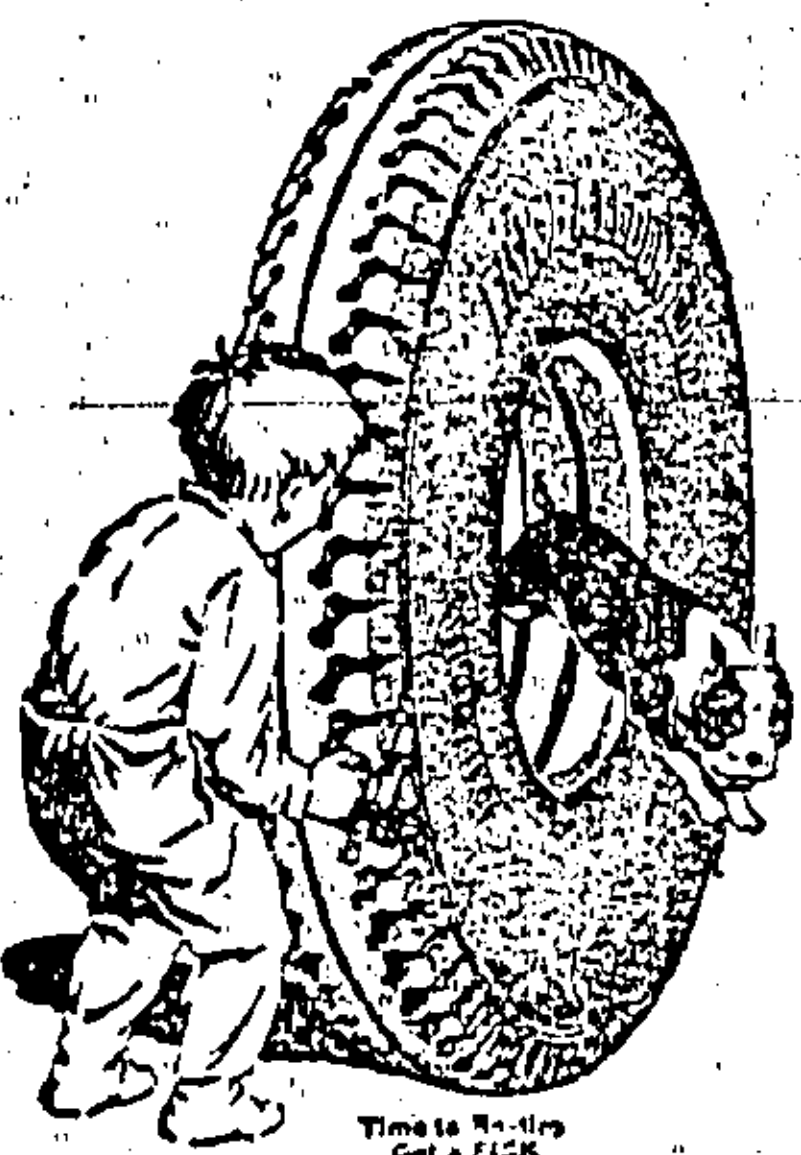
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THE HISTORICITY OF CHRIST.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR.—Having listened with interest to Mr. Forrest's lecture the other evening, I was, to put it mildly, surprised at the tone of Father Byrne's letter in my issue of this morning. I may mention that I am not a convinced adherent of the theory that the lecturer put forward, but would like to correct the misunderstanding that Father Byrne's letter is likely to spread.

A more careful reading of the report would have shown your correspondent that Mr. Forrest's apologies referred to the difficulty of compressing so large a subject into the time given for a lecture, and not to inadequate preparation of the subject. Also, he will see that Mr. Forrest took pains to emphasise the fact that the majority of scholars were against his view. Father Byrne has also given lectures, which he will be interested to hear, I have read without a protest against the publication of ideas with which I disagree, and he should be aware of the difficulty of treating a large subject properly in a small compass.—Yours, etc.,

A.M.R.G.

Hong Kong, December 9th.

GOLD IN THE HEAD.

**MALAYA G.O.C. WARNS
BRITISH SOLDIERS.**

**IMITATING THE NATIVE
PRACTICE.**

Soldiers in the Malaya Command are being advised from headquarters to keep their gold in their pockets and not carry it in their mouths; in other words, the G.O.C. has drawn attention to the fact that some soldiers, in imitation of a custom prevailing among Eastern nations, have had teeth crowned or covered with gold by a certain class of dentists.

The authorities point out that in most cases the work has been quite unnecessary and has merely led to premature decay of the teeth and other avoidable dental trouble. The troops are warned against this practice and the advice tendered might be taken to heart among many far removed from military discipline. The authorities view the matter with some concern and intend exercising disciplinary steps, if necessary, to stop the practice. All the dental work required for soldiers can be undertaken at Tanglin.—Singapore Free Press.

HEALTH BULLETIN OF EASTERN PORTS.

The following is the Health Bulletin of Eastern Ports for the week ending December 3rd:—

- Plague.**
2 cases at Alexandria (2 deaths).
Rangoon (2 deaths).
1 case at Cheribon.
2 cases at Macassar (2 deaths).
Cholera.
77 cases at Calcutta.
2 cases at Rangoon (1 death).
1 case at Batavia (1 death).
1 case at Bangkok.
1 case at Canton (1 death).
Small-pox.
1 case at Aden.
2 cases at Basrah (2 deaths).
4 cases at Bombay (1 death).
3 cases at Calcutta (1 death).
1 case at Coochin.
2 cases at Madras (1 death).
2 cases at Rangoon (1 death).
1 case at Sourabaya.
1 case at Bangkok.
1 case at Dairen.
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1 case at Mukden.
1 case at Osaka.

SEVENTY YEARS MARRIED. FAMILY OF TWELVE BROUGHT UP ON BLACK BREAD.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Walker, aged 80 and 88, of Wainfleet, Skegness, Lincolnshire, have been married 70 years. Mr. Walker belongs to a family of 12, and his mother and father, who lived to be 97 and 93, brought up their children on a wage of 12s. a week.

Mr. Walker went to work as a youth as a farm worker for 6d. a day, but later bought a donkey and cart and went into the poultry business, which he later combined with keeping a public-house. He continued in business nearly half a century.

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NEW DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION.

At an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of the China Underwriters' Ltd., held at the Company's offices, St. George's Building, yesterday at noon, the extraordinary resolutions passed at the meeting held on November 21st, authorising an increase of capital by the creation of fifteen Founder's shares of \$1,000 each, and approving the new draft Memorandum of Association, were confirmed as Special Resolutions. There were present: Messrs. R. G. Shawan (Chairman), Allan Cameron, Li Tze Fong, C. P. Marcell, Mok Ching Kong, C. A. da Roza and Tsang Foo (Members of Consulting Committee); W. E. L. Shenton, of Deacons, Solicitors to Company; Herbert R. Sturt, F.I.A., Manager and Secretary and E. R. Childs, A.I.A., Assistant Secretary, also the following shareholders: Messrs. Allan Keith, W. Adamson, J. M. Alves, C. B. Brookes, and M. A. Figueiredo.

The Chairman said: The initial object for which this meeting has been called is, as indicated in the notice which the Secretary has just read, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the extraordinary general meeting held on the 21st ult., and of confirming if thought fit, as special resolutions, the three resolutions which were passed as extraordinary resolutions at that meeting. Those resolutions, as you will remember, concerned the approval of the draft new memorandum and draft new Articles of Association of the Company and increase in the Company's capital.

You will also remember that at the above-mentioned meeting I explained to you why it was essential to alter the memorandum and Articles of Association and increase the capital, and I do not consider it necessary to deal further therewith, except to add that at the meeting in question the draft new memorandum and draft new Articles of Association and increase of capital were unanimously approved, and that resolutions regarding such approval were unanimously passed as extraordinary resolutions.

Under the Hong Kong Companies Ordinances, however, it is necessary that the approval of the new memorandum and new Articles of Association and increase of capital shall be signified by special resolutions and, consequently, this meeting has been convened for the purpose of enabling the extraordinary resolutions just referred to to be confirmed as special resolutions.

The Chairman then proposed as a special resolution, the first of the extraordinary resolutions and signed copies of memorandum and Articles for identification.

Mr. Brooke seconded and this was carried.

Mr. C. P. Marcell then proposed: the confirmation as a special resolution of the fourth of the extraordinary resolutions.

Mr. Allan Keith seconded.—Carried.

Mr. Allan Cameron then proposed the confirmation as a special resolution of the second of the extraordinary resolutions.

Mr. Li Tze Fong seconded:—Carried.

The Chairman: The alterations in the memorandum of Association effected by the special resolution which has to-day been confirmed by the Supreme Court pursuant to the requirements of the Companies Ordinance and the necessary steps to this end will be taken by the Company's legal advisers.

SINGAPORE SECRET SOCIETIES.

HANDKERCHIEF AS MEMBER
SHIP CERTIFICATE.

SINGAPORE, December 3rd.

Interesting evidence by Mr. J. A. Black, Protector of Chinese, Singapore, in a District Court case revealed that the signs whereby the unlawful Triad Society members know each other are not greatly dissimilar to those used by members of a much larger secret organisation. The case was one in which two Chinese were charged with being members of a Triad Society.

Mr. Black declared that the way in which a person took up a tea cup revealed the fact that he was a member. The manner in which the cup was taken up depended on the way in which the cups were arranged on the tray on which tea was served to a visitor.

A handkerchief produced as an exhibit was handed the witness. "This handkerchief," said Mr. Black, "is a membership certificate."

LOCAL ESTATES.

PROVISION MADE TO ADOPT
A SON.

A \$26,000 ESTATE.

In a will to which probate has just been granted, a desire is expressed by purchaser to purchase a son to succeed him.

The will in question is that of Chan Ming Kai, late of 990, Canton Road, Kowloon, who died on May 18th, this year, at 2, Pun Lui Lane, Fat Shan, Kwantung.

His Hong Kong estate is valued at \$2,500, and probate of the will has been granted to Kwong Shek Hing, of 34, Queen's Road West, a merchant.

Included in the will is the following:—"My mother is old, my wife is young. I have no children nor have I brothers of the same center. I recollect that I have toiled throughout my whole life and saved a little surplus. I want to buy a boy to inherit me. If he be admitted into the clan, a sum of \$500 should be appropriated for the Ancestors' Worshipping Fund. If admittance to the clan be refused, then let the matter of appropriation drop."

The will concludes by saying that no clansman shall be allowed to interfere with the estate, and his wife is not allowed to touch it at random. "She is only allowed to receive maintenance every month, so that she may not be hungry and cold, and that will do."

Another Estate.

Probate of the will of Wong Fa Nang, otherwise Wong Shung Kim Tong, otherwise Wong Pui Yam, otherwise Wong Kim Kee, late of 6, Po Hing Fong, who died on June 29th, 1923, at the same address, has been granted to Wong Shiu Fan (or Faan), of 3, Po Hing Fong, merchant and son of testator, and also the only surviving executor named in the will, the other executor, testator's widow, having died.

Estate in the Colony is valued at \$26,500, and is left entirely to the son.

\$8,000 Left.

Probate of the will of Chan Lam Hing, alias Chan Hing, alias Chun Chak Sang, a contractor of 70, Des Voeux Road West, first floor, who died at the French Hospital, Causeway Bay, on June 4th, this year, has been granted to Chan Pun Shi, his widow, of 23, Chinese Street, Hong Kong, second floor, and Chow Nim Tong, a merchant, of 13, Pottinger Street, Hong Kong.

Local estate is valued at \$8,000, and everything is left on trust to be invested for the equal benefit of three children as they each attain the age of 21 years.

A KING'S PAROLE.

KARL'S PROMISE TO A
BRITISH CAPTAIN.

NAVY SOUVENIR.

How the Emperor Karl, when a prisoner on board a British warship, wrote out his parole not to attempt to escape is one of the most interesting disclosures by the Austrian doctor, Dr. Erich John, from the private diary placed at his disposal by the late Admiral Troubridge.

The admiral was commander of the British gunboats on the Danube seven years ago, when Emperor Karl and the Empress Zita, as prisoners, made their journey to Madeira. The diary entry says:—"I realised the main bearing of the ex-Emperor under the most painful conditions. It was the 1st of November. The British gunboat *Glowworm*, a quarter of an hour before dawn, with engines shut off so as not to attract attention, passed under the bridge over the Danube at Baja, near Budapest. Hungarian cavalry in the darkness made a cordon extending from the boat to the train, which crossed the bridge and halted.

Surrendered.

"Karl" and Zita stepped out, surrendered by the Hungarian Government to the Allies. In deep silence Karl, in the uniform of an infantry general, and Zita boarded the boat, followed by Count Esterhazy, Countess Borovicky, and two servants. At first they were guarded by a sentry with fixed bayonet. The British captain said he would withdraw all guards if Karl would give his written parole not to escape. Promptly Karl sat down and wrote in French:—"I give my parole of honour to Captain Arthur Snagge that during the voyage while in his charge I will not attempt to regain my liberty. In making that promise I regard myself as personally bound to Captain Snagge."

"On board the *Glowworm*, November 1st, 1921.

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MAGNIFICENT ELIZABETHAN DRESSES.

Last night saw the first presentation by the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society of "Merrie England," a comic opera by Basil Hood and Edward German. The enthusiastic reception which this work received from the audience pays a far higher tribute to the talented company than it is possible to convey in print, but let it be said that the production was a triumphant success.

The work of the author and composer has already been dealt with in the *Daily Press* and may be dismissed shortly. The songs of Edward German are widely known and widely popular, and it is a tribute to the quality of this opera that so many of the most famous are to be found here; to mention but two, the "Yeomen of England" and "England, fair England." A student of the Elizabethan period could point out countless errors in Capt. Hood's work, yet the fact remains that "Merrie England" is one of the most purely and refreshingly English things which has ever been written.

Where Were They?

One knows all too well the faults of amateur opera. Singers, afraid of missing the beat, are perpetually glancing at the conductor. Principals strain to reach notes a little beyond their compass, and are unable to stand still, while the chorus move like automatons, as if like a rabble, and they are always just behind the beat. These are some of the most common amateur faults, but one looked in vain for them last night. Everyone, principals and chorus alike, played as though they had years of experience behind them. There were, of course, errors, but they were venial ones, and in a performance of such a high level of general excellence it would be invidious to name them.

The Chorus.

The chorus sang with a crispness and incisiveness that was refreshing. In a play of this sort, a great deal depends upon these long-suffering and hard-worked ladies and gentlemen, and the recognition they gain is all too little. By their intelligent and sympathetic acting the chorus added materially to the evening.

The Ladies.

Among the principals, especial praise is due to Mrs. M. Minnie, who played the part of *Bessie Throckmorton* with rare charm and skill. Her singing is unquestionable, and the purity of tone on her top notes a thing which many will envy, but few attain. This was a very finished and pleasing performance. The dignity of *Queen Elizabeth* (Mrs. G. Watt) was regal, and her condescension the condescension of a queen. Better still, her singing of "England, fair England" was magnificent, while her first entrance was most impressive.

Turning from the aristocracy to the common people first mention is due to "Jill-All-Along." The part offers more difficulties than any other, and has a far wider emotional scope. It is difficult to portray the emotions of one who is to be burned or drowned in a sack; it is also difficult to sing naturally to a cat before a house full of people. Mrs. C. P. Marcel achieved all this and much more. The *May Queen*, that spoiled and malignant little rustic beauty, was played to the life by Mrs. J. Hurst. Whether she were coy or arch, how sweet she could be—until she showed her claws. Her singing was delightful.

The Lords.

Sir Walter Raleigh plays a large part in this opera, and a part of some difficulty, but Mr. C. D. Lake was master of it to the final curtain. He has a pleasing voice, and it bore the not inconsiderable strain of the evening's labour without once faltering.

The *Earl of Essex* we envy; not for his rank, but for his song, "the Yeoman of England." We also envy Mr. Glover's powers of singing that song, and his courtly Elizabethan deportment. Mr. Glover is as natural as if he had lived at the same time as Marlowe and Ben Jonson, though he certainly would never have known them.

Two Proper Men.

Long Tom and *Big Ben* make good their boast: they are immense. They are also good actors and singers. The way they handle their quarter-staves looks most impressive, but dangerous; we sympathise with Master Wilkins.

And Several Excellent Fools.

Pre-eminent in this category comes *Walter Wilkins* (Engineer Lieut. Comm. A. S. Bedells). Here is such

tooling as one rarely meets; excellent sport, full of life and character. Such fun as this is a tribute both to himself and to the author. The audience owes a great debt to *Walter Wilkins*.

He does not, however, stand alone. *Silas Simkins* serves as an admirable foil for his wit, and plays up to him as only a good and unselfish actor can. He is also more than capable of good tooling on his own account, or in company with that priceless quartet, the Butcher, the Baker, the Tinker, and the Tailor. Is it luck or knowledge that has called forth these four straight from some Elizabethan picture?

Honour Where Honour Is Due.

Space forbids the mention of the other name-parts, except *en bloc*, but allows us to pay a tribute to much fine and unselfish acting. There is always a temptation for the smaller parts to thrust forward too much into the public eye, thus spoiling the balance of the production. If this temptation was felt last night, it was admirably restrained.

No critique would be complete without a reference to the Royal Pages. The coolness and self-possession with which they played their parts must have been the envy of many a more experienced actor.

The Dances.

The dances were received with great enthusiasm and all praise is due to Miss Daisy O'Keefe, who arranged them, and to the dancers themselves. The precision and grace of their movements was wonderful.

Production And Setting.

The scenes and settings were not only attractive but true to life, while the lighting effects were also managed inconspicuously but most tastefully. The dresses were magnificent, and the grouping at times beautiful. As a spectacle there was nothing more to be desired. All those who were responsible for all the arduous, and often unrecognised, work behind the scenes are to be heartily congratulated.

The Orchestra.

Last of all we come to that very important and hardworking band of realists, the Orchestra. Edward German has given them much charming music to play and they played it delightfully. They also accompanied the singers most sympathetically, never overwhelming them and never deserting them, and they followed the baton implicitly. Mr. W. H. FitzEarle should be pleased with his very large share in the triumph of yesterday evening.

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The Earl of Essex: H. Glover.
Sir Walter Raleigh: C. D. Lake.
Walter Wilkins (a player in Shakespeare's Company): A. S. Bedells.

Silas Simkins (another player): Oscar Eager.

Long Tom, A. E. Stone; Big Ben, R. Dormer (Royal Foresters).

The Queen's Fool: G. L. Simmons.

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A Soldier: M. D. Scott.

First Royal Page: Addison Hargrave.

Second Royal Page: Herbert Moss.

Wine Vendor: A. T. Bates.

Queen Elizabeth: Mrs. G. Watt.

Miss Bessie Throckmorton: Mrs. M. Minnie.

"Jill-All-Along": Mrs. C. P. Marcel.

The May Queen: Mrs. J. Hurst.

Marjory: Mrs. E. Hanlon.

Kate: Mrs. R. A. Starling.

Lady-in-Waiting: Mrs. H. M. A. Day.

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HERALDS:—F. J. C. Halahan, R. D. Watkins.

HALLMARKERS:—G. Collom, F. Pils, E. J. Bannister, J. Hooper.

PIKEMEN:—G. Stobart, J. Gale, J. Brenton, C. Loder.

BARGE MEN:—B. I. O'Donnell, G. P. S. Davies.

STREET TRUMPETERS:—H. Andrews, H. Latimer.

ORIENTAL DANCERS:—Daisy O'Keefe, Betty Clamo, Nellie Field, Minnie George, Thelma May, Bella Pestonji, Doris Punchedon, Millicent Suiter, Lorna Tolan.

Stage Director: C. P. Marcel.

Assistant Stage Directors: G. L. Simmons, Oscar Eager, and F. P. Lenestey.

Property Master: F. Roberts.

Wardrobe Mistress: Mrs. H. Harrison.

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ROUND THE POLICE COURTS.

ALLEGED THEFT OF GAS.

ARMS, DRUGS AND A "QUACK."

[By "NOTE-BOOK."]

There was less than usual of life's seamy side for "Note-Book" to record yesterday when the usual journey round the Police Courts was made. The principal cases up for hearing concerned a Portuguese clerk, of the Hong Kong Gas Co., who is held on charges of stealing gas and making false entries in his books, and other oculent Chinese merchants alleged to have dealt in arms and drugs.

There was also a Chinese "quack" who went about boasting that he had mastered the European method of curing trachoma and other diseases of the eyes. His bluff was called by a Chinese detective which resulted in the "eye specialist's" appearance before Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

PORTUGUESE AND HIS GAS METER.

Alvaro Antonio Remedios, formerly a clerk in the Hong Kong Gas Company, was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy with the theft of gas and also making false entries in his books.

Mr. Leo d'Almada appeared for the defence, and Mr. R. A. Wadson prosecuted on behalf of the Gas Company.

It was alleged that the defendant, who had been in the employ of the Company since 1915, had abused the trust which his employers had placed in him. Most of the Company's account books were under his control and he had access to other books as well. The defendant, another clerk, named Xavier, also in the employ of the same Company, were solely responsible for checking the consumption, accounts to customers.

Accused was also a consumer, having applied for a five light meter on the monthly rental system in 1919. At that time he had five burners and a cooker. Part of accused's work was to check up meter readings with Xavier, and then to make the necessary entries on which the monthly bills were made out to consumers.

At the end of November this year, the Company decided to change the defendant's meter and a fitter was sent to his house at No. 31 Praya East, with a new meter. The fitter found that accused had a ten light meter instead of the original five light meter which he had applied for. The fitter further found that the meter was not in working order and the amount of gas consumed was not being registered.

The matter was reported to the Company, who looked into defendant's books and it was found that the Company had been victimised since 1924 and possibly even before then. It was also alleged that whenever meter-readers called at defendant's premises he had always found the house shut up. At the office, when the meter-readers spoke about this defendant was alleged to have told them that he would supply them with the figures. Defendant would know when the meter-readers would call.

ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

Two coolies were carrying a huge box along Connaught Road West on Thursday afternoon. When they came face to face with Chief Preventive Officer Clarke, they suddenly turned pale and to a man like Officer Clarke that change of facial expression was enough. He halted the coolies and asked them to open the box. They complied and in it 40 Smith and Wesson revolvers and 1,800 rounds of ammunition were found.

The two men were charged before Mr. Lindsell and Inspector Grant applied for a remand of twenty-four hours on the ground that the two defendants said that they were carrying the box for somebody else. A book was also found inside the box which bore the name of a shop in Wanchai.

The remand was granted.
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Accompanist: Mrs. C. E. Millard, B.A.

Scenery designed by R. S. W. Paterson and painted by Shan Siu Fong.

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Dances arranged by Miss Daisy O'Keefe.

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Au Lau Hang, who walked with the gait of a *sin san*, was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell. The charge against him was that he posed as a "eye specialist" while having no qualifications.

Au has an impressive personality and little blame attached to the Chinese who have been taken in by him. Furthermore, he did a lot of advertising, issuing pamphlets to tell all and sundry that he was neither a liar nor a cheat and that he had mastered the European method of curing diseases of the eyes. He also boasted that he was the sole possessor of a secret formula for the treating of trachoma, etc.

A Chinese detective was sent out by Sub-Inspector Andrew to test the claims of Au. The agent of the law complained to Au that he had eye trouble, though actually nothing was wrong. Au examined the eyes with a critical and a professional air, and then told the detective that trachoma was rapidly attacking his eyes and that it would take three months to cure. For that he asked for \$35.

He was arrested for being a "quack" and in the Court he admitted that he had no qualification, but he declared that he had a good knowledge of eye-disease. He said that he was with the late Dr. Jordan for eight years and often assisted the doctor. Police evidence showed that Dr. Jordan dismissed him for practising on his own.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$100 or in default six weeks' hard labour.

CHRISTIE AND BLUMH.

James Christie and C. Blumh who are held on charges arising out of the police trap laid with the assistance of Mr. Leslie E. Hayes, in connection with an alleged deal in morphine, were brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell for formal remand.

Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, for the defence, applied for permission for the defendants to go to Kowloon to get some warmer clothing. The Court granted the application, the defendants to go over in police custody.

The hearing of the case is set for Monday and Tuesday next.

HEROIN TABLOIDS.

Acting on information received, Revenue Officer A. Grimmitt and Chinese searchers raided a porcelain shop at Jervois Street, and 50 pills containing heroin were found. The alleged owner was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell and when it was stated that Mr. A. E. Hall would be appearing for the defendant the case was remanded until Monday next. Bail in the sum of \$250 was granted.

MEDICINE VENDORS AND BLANKETS.

The two Chinese medicine vendors charged with stealing two white blankets were yesterday convicted and fined \$50 each by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy. In default of payment of the fine, the defendant would each have to do six weeks' hard labour.

INDIAN TAILOR AND HIS MASTER'S CLOTH.

The Indian tailor employed by an Indian Tailoring establishment at Kowloon, who is charged with stealing 53 pieces of cloth from his employer, was again before the Kowloon Magistrate yesterday. Another Indian was also charged with aiding and abetting.

Evidence showed that the defendant (tailor) had approached a Chinese with the view to selling him some cloth. A few days after, the Chinese introduced to a tailor another Chinese who is a defendant. A deal was closed and some of the cloth was sold to the Chinese tailor for \$230.

The case was then adjourned until Friday next.

UNLUCKY "13."

A Chinese was brought before the Kowloon Magistrate on a charge of stealing \$13, and whether it was a coincidence or not, the chief witness against the defendant was a boy of 13, who told the Court that he actually saw the defendant putting his hand into the pocket of a coat which was hanging on a peg. The witness further stated that he also saw the defendant take something out of the pocket which he put into his girdle.

The case was adjourned until Monday next. Mr. E. S. C. Brooks appeared for the defence.

LI TSAI HSIN FORMALLY DISMISSED.**GEN. WONG SHIU HUNG TO TAKE THE FIELD.****WILL THE KWANGSI FORCES FIGHT?****THE CURRENCY PROBLEM.****[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]**

The Canton Authorities have formally notified that Generals Li Tsai Hsin and Chen Tsai Tang, the Garrison Commissioner at Swatow, are no longer members of the Canton Administration having been dismissed by the present regime from all offices which they were holding before the recent coup d'etat. This is a retaliation for the Nanking Military Council's declaration that the present leaders in Canton are "Reds" and traitors to the Kuomintang.

The latest reports coming from the war area show that the Kwangtung troops along the West River are concentrating at Shuihing and Takking as a countermove to the Kwangsi forces around Wuchow.

General Wong Shiu Hung has returned to Wuchow from Hong Kong to direct military affairs. His subordinates are very anxious to advance at once, but General Wong will wait for instructions so as to move at the same time as the Swatow and Southern Kwangtung commands under General Li Tsai Hsin.

The Kwangsi naval forces at Swatow will probably make Hainan and Southern Kwangtung ports their objective. Kwangtung naval strength is still quite appreciable despite the desertion of the larger vessels. The River Flotilla continues to support them.

Except for Lin Yin Hung, who was formerly with General Chen, Chung Ming, none of the followers of General Chen have accepted the invitation of the present Canton Authorities to take either political or military service with them. A former Canton official on General Chen's staff has pointed out that if any of them re-enter the arena their action will be misunderstood. General Chen's policy, years ago, was anti-Red, anti-militaristic and in favour of provincial autonomy, but his followers have no wish to side with Chang Fat Fui and Wong Kie Cheung against Li Tsai Hsin and Wong Shiu Hung.

A USEFUL MINISTER.

Mr. Chu Chao Hsin, a former Chinese Minister at Rome and at one time *Chargé d'Affaires* of the Chinese Legation at London, is gradually gaining power and influence in Canton. Although he has no special influence he has been given four offices, being a member of the Provincial Council of Kwangtung, Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, Director-General of Relief Work, and Superintendent of Customs in Canton. Mr. Chu was for several years Chinese Delegate to the Council of the League of Nations. He was appointed a Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs at Nanking, but he did not assume office, as he decided to remain in Canton.

DR. SUN YAT SEN'S DEBTS?

Mr. Wong Tong, formerly disbursing officer to Dr. Sun Yat Sen but who has been for some time in business in Hong Kong, has petitioned the Canton Authorities to relieve him from the liabilities incurred while serving Dr. Sun who died without making provision for the payment of his debts. Proceedings are being taken in Hong Kong for the recovery of \$10,000 alleged to have been lent to Mr. Wong Tong but, according to him, in his official capacity only, the documents being executed with the approval of Dr. Sun. The Canton Authorities have asked Mr. Chu Chao Hsin, Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, to look into the matter.

*(Continued on next column.)***THE WOUNDED POLICE.****SERGT. McMAHON'S GREAT FIGHT FOR RECOVERY.****OTHER PATIENTS DOING WELL.**

Police Sergt. Thomas McMahon is still very critically ill, and to-day will again be an anxious time. After that Dr. Valentine, of the Government Civil Hospital, hopes to be able to take a less serious view though the danger must continue for several days.

Sergt. McMahon is making a great struggle," said the doctor late last night. Undoubtedly courage and a strong personal effort have enabled the patient to make a fight that has astonished those tending him. Sergt. McMahon and other police officers, it will be recalled, was desperately wounded in a street fight with Chinese gunmen at 2 a.m. on Wednesday morning.

The two Chinese constables are also better though both are still in considerable danger, especially No. 60, Chan Shing. No. 44, Lui Tang, has made good progress and every hope is entertained of his recovery. The Indian constable, Ali Asgar Khan, is going on well and no anxiety is felt as regards the prisoner's condition.

KWANGSI CLIQUE SUPPORTERS.**LEAVE FOR SWATOW.****[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]**

General Chen-Ming-Chu, General Feng Chok Man, and other army officers supporting the Kwangsi clique of the Kuomintang military in the Kwangtung-Kwangsi struggle, left for Swatow by the s.s. *Haining* yesterday afternoon. It is expected that General Li Tsai Hsin will soon be at Swatow.

Suspecting that political opponents were promoting the depreciation of the paper money of the Central Bank of China in Canton, orders were issued by the Executive Committee last Thursday to arrest all persons attempting to discount the notes and requesting every firm having a registered capital to deposit a certain amount of notes with the authorities, so as to lessen the amount of notes in circulation. In the meantime, the Authorities are calling in all public dues and contributions in the hope that there will be a big demand for notes, thus enhancing their value.

STRIFE CONTINUES.

Strife among the labour agitators and the politicians still continues in Canton, and as any one in power may freely arrest and perhaps shoot his enemy by charging him as a "Red" or a "counter-revolutionary" acts of revenge in the form of incendiarism and other similar acts have occurred. During the week there were three attempts to set fire to buildings.

TRAFFIC INTERFERENCE.

Interference with the regular traffic along the West River in Kwangtung, because of fear of pending battles around Wuchow and Shuihing, is causing the price of rice in towns en route to increase considerably, it now being \$14 or more a picul. Not only Canton-Wuchow but also Hong Kong-Wuchow boats are being molested.

The more careful of the merchants in Wuchow are advising connections in Hong Kong and other ports to suspend shipments for the present, being afraid that hostilities may begin before Christmas.

A NEW POST.

Mr. Poon Tat Mei, formerly advertising manager of the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Company of Hong Kong, has been appointed Commissioner of Public Charity in Canton, a new post just created by the Canton Municipality. Mr. Poon is a Buddhist and has been well-known and active in work for the Canton Orphanage and other institutions of this nature.

The International Race and Sporting Club of Canton, through its principal promoter, Mr. Louis Yam Suen, have petitioned the Political Council to hasten on the commencement of work on the East Façade Ground. The Race Club and the Canton Amateur Athletic Federation are jointly responsible for the construction of a race course and a sports field on lands formerly belonged to the public but let to the present holders at nominal fees.

A PIRATE LAUNCH.**S.S. "WAISHING" UNDER SHARP FIRE.****MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR NEAR AMHERST POINT.**

On the way from Canton to Hong Kong on Thursday afternoon the Indo-China S.N. Co. steamer *Waishing* was fired upon from an armed launch, and her lifeboats were riddled with bullets. Other bullets penetrated the ship's sides and upper-works, and officers had narrow escapes, fortunately none of them being hit.

While it is not quite clear why the ship was fired upon, the only possible conclusion is that a determined attempt at piracy was being made.

A report of the affair was made to H.E. the Governor, and also to the Naval Authorities, and the latter have already taken the matter in hand.

The *Suiyang*, of the China Navigation Company, on arriving in port on Thursday night brought an intimation of the affair, the master's report stating that an armed launch was firing on the *Waishing* one mile about Amherst Point.

Arriving in port yesterday the *Waishing* bore a scarred appearance, and it was evident that she had been subjected to a sharp fusillade.

The *Waishing* is employed on the run from Hong Kong to Tsingtao via Swatow and Shanghai and back to Hong Kong and thence to Canton.

A Black Launch.

It was about 3 p.m. on Thursday afternoon when the *Waishing* was quite close to Amherst Point (about twenty miles from Canton), that a launch, painted black, and with a black funnel was seen approaching. The launch bore the number 2,711, but hoisted no flag, and when called upon to stop the master of the *Waishing* ordered the engines to "slow," thinking that it might be a Chinese naval patrol launch on perfectly legitimate business.

As the launch approached, however, it soon became evident that it carried no official party, but that the occupants were of the pirate type. Capt. Alexander, who commands the *Waishing*, immediately ordered the "full speed ahead," and no sooner had the ship begun to gather speed than the occupants of the launch opened fire on the bridge. The Captain and the quartermaster on duty both stuck to their posts, although exposed to very real danger, and in fact had very narrow escapes from death.

It was not until the *Waishing* had got well ahead of the launch that danger was over.

Courageous Captain And Quartermaster.

The quartermaster displayed the utmost coolness amid flying bullets, and remained at his post carrying out his duty as if nothing untoward was happening, and coolly obeying every order of the Captain. It is estimated that at least fifty rounds were fired from the launch.

One of the bullets penetrated the Captain's room, going out through a window on the other side of it.

The Chief Officer (Mr. Petherick) also had a very narrow escape. He was in his cabin at the time the firing began and several bullets struck the cabin close to the port-hole. The Chief Officer made an attempt to get to the bridge, but was told by the quartermaster that he could be of no assistance there.

Bullets also riddled the lifeboats, rendering them unusable; the funnel was also pierced, and the bridge and upper works in that part of the ship were struck in many places, and the marks bear evidence of the exceedingly narrow escapes of a good many of the crew experienced.

A strong protest is being made, it is understood, to the Canton authorities.

If the pirates had succeeded in boarding the *Waishing* there would have been nothing of much value for them to take. The steamer carried neither cargo or passengers, being on the way here to proceed to the North.

The *Waishing* was, in any case, going to dock at Kowloon on arriving here. She went there yesterday, and the necessary repairs to lifeboats and other parts of the ship damaged by bullets will be made in conjunction with overhaul work which was to be carried out.

THE GAS INDUSTRY.**DISTRIBUTION, USES AND HISTORY.****INTERESTING LECTURE AT ENGINEERS INSTITUTE.**

There were many present at the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hong Kong yesterday afternoon to listen to a paper read by Mr. A. Hevey, of the Hong Kong and China Gas Company, on gas, its distribution and uses.

Mr. W. J. Hill, President of the Institute, occupied the chair, and in introducing Mr. Hevey said that the subject on which he was going to speak was not a familiar one to many of those present, but on that account the paper should be all the more interesting.

The History Of Gas.

In his paper Mr. Hevey dealt in an interesting and comprehensive way with the development of gas as a commercial proposition. As far back as 1739 the Rev. Dr. John Clayton, Dean of Kildare, began experimenting with what he called the spirit of coal. Experimenting continued between 1739 and 1793 but there were no useful and practical results. The birthplace of gas lighting was Redruth, in Cornwall, and the sole merit of its invention and the practical application of coal gas for the purpose of artificial illumination was due to a gentleman named William Murdoch. In 1792 he manufactured gas and lighted his house and offices with apparatus he had constructed. At the same time Monsieur Le-Bois was making experiments with inflammable gases in France. It was an instance of independent thought and simultaneous action—but whereas gas lights were used in Redruth in 1792 the first mention of them in Paris was in 1802. It was in 1798 that gas light was first used as a commercial and economic substitute for lamps and candles. In that year Mr. Murdoch constructed apparatus for distilling coal, thus producing gas at the factory of Messrs. Boulton, Watt & Co., in Birmingham.

About the year 1803 the Birmingham foundry was lighted by gas so that Birmingham might be regarded as the home of gas lighting. In 1810 an Act was passed authorising His Majesty to grant a charter to the Gas Light and Coke Company and in 1814 Westminster Bridge, London, was lighted with gas. It was such an objection of attraction that, whilst the novelty lasted, the Bridge became a fashionable promenade. It is interesting to note, however, that the lamp-lighters were so startled by the new system that for a time they refused to work.

In 1887 came the upright incandescent mantle and in 1903 the inverted mantle. In 1911 the superheated cluster of small mantles, now widely known as the Lyttleton type, were placed on the market.

A Vote Of Thanks.

Several questions of a technical nature were put to Mr. Hevey when he had finished reading his paper. He answered the questions and proceeded to demonstrate the working of dry and wet meters. Explanations were also given as regards the use of other apparatus.

At the close Mr. J. Ormiston proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Hevey for his interesting lecture, for bringing the apparatus, and for actually running a gas pipe into the building. This was received with acclamation.

BOUND FOR HOME.**MARINES ARRIVE BY "MANTUA."**

When the P. & O. s.s. *Mantua* came into port yesterday from Shanghai she had on board 488 Royal Marines, 19 officers, 8 warrant officers, and 23 other army officers.

The Marines are on their way home after service in China, which has been principally at Pootung and Nanking, protecting British property at both places. They are the remaining members of the 12th Royal Marine Battalion, who were recently reviewed by Major-General John Duncan, officer commanding the North China Command, at Holt's Wharf, Pootung.

They were also reviewed by Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald X. Tyrwhitt, K.C.B., D.S.O., D.C.L. (Comdr-in-Chief, China Station). The *Mantua* leaves to-day for Home, and yesterday many of the Marines were sight-seeing in Hong Kong.

CONNAUGHT ROAD FATALITY.**INDIAN CHAUFFEUR SENT FOR TRIAL.****UNSATISFACTORY WITNESSES FOR THE CROWN.**

At the Central Magistracy yesterday morning, Mr. R. E. Lindsell committed Sandi Khan, the driver of Mr. C. Bernard Brown's car, for trial at the Criminal Sessions on a charge of manslaughter in connection with an accident in which a young Chinese woman was killed and three other injured at Connaught Road West on November 16th.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, sur., appeared for the defendant.

Following the re-examination of the Indian Sergeant and two other witnesses, Traffic Sub-Inspector Alexander said that it was not clear whether the deceased was found in the middle of the road or to the side of it. His Worship remarked that each witness had indicated a different place.

On being recalled the Indian Sergeant declared that he saw the woman lying five or six yards from the footpath.

Sub-Inspector Alexander in his evidence said that he found a pool of blood on the road 18 yards from the footpath. A lamp post near this spot was examined, but there were no marks of a collision.

As to defendant's record, he had been driving for six years, and as far as witness knew he was a careful driver. The car was a Buick five-seater, belonging to Mr. C. Bernard Brown, by whom the defendant had been employed since June last.

Li Kit, a shroff in the employment of Messrs. Campbell, Moore & Co., who was in the company of the deceased woman and was one of those injured in the accident, recalled, said that he was not sure that the deceased was actually three feet from the side channel. Although he did not see her do so, it was possible that she darted across the road in an endeavour to avoid the car.

Accused's Statement.

The Indian Inspector who explained the charge to the defendant at the Police Station then read a statement made by the defendant in which he said that he was taking his car on the night in question back to the garage, when, at Connaught Road West, he collided with two Chinese, one of whom, a woman, "went under the car." Following the accident, he was going to stop, but was dissuaded by Noor Mahomed, an Indian constable who was seated in the car with him. Noor Mahomed said it would be dangerous to stop as the Chinese would attack them. One of the crowd actually struck the car with a bamboo pole on it being driven away.

Mr. d'Almada's Defence.

Addressing the Court on behalf of the defendant, Mr. d'Almada said that the evidence was so flimsy, the witnesses for the prosecution having all disagreed on the most important point, that if his Worship was in the position of a Coroner, and had the direction of the jury in his hands, his Worship could hardly have directed them to return a verdict of manslaughter, but would have agreed that a verdict of death through misadventure would be the correct one.

Committee For Trial.

They had evidence of four people being knocked down one after the other, within a distance of 120 feet from point to point, and on that fact alone, defendant should undoubtedly have given an explanation, said the Magistrate. He had not done so, and the onus resting on the defendant in this respect still remained. He must be committed for trial, although his Worship agreed that the evidence of the prosecution was very unsatisfactory.

Mr. d'Almada who reserved his defence applied for bail. He said that defendant could find only \$2,000.

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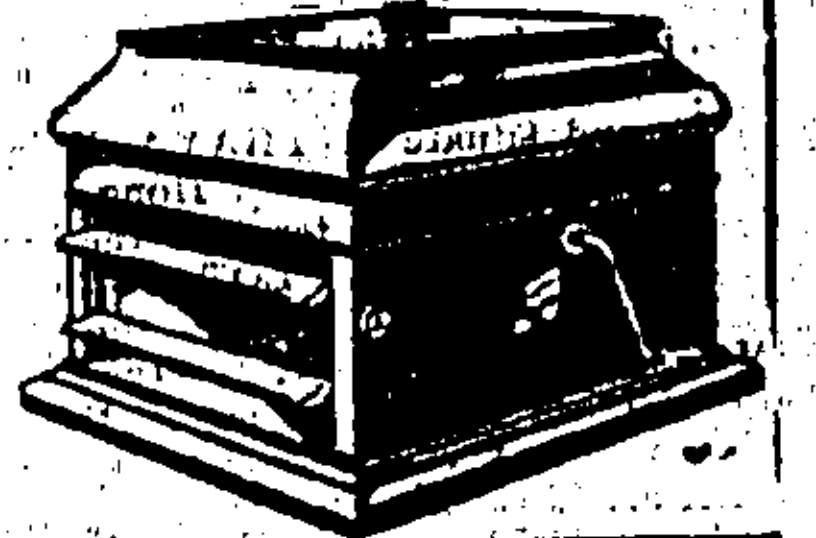


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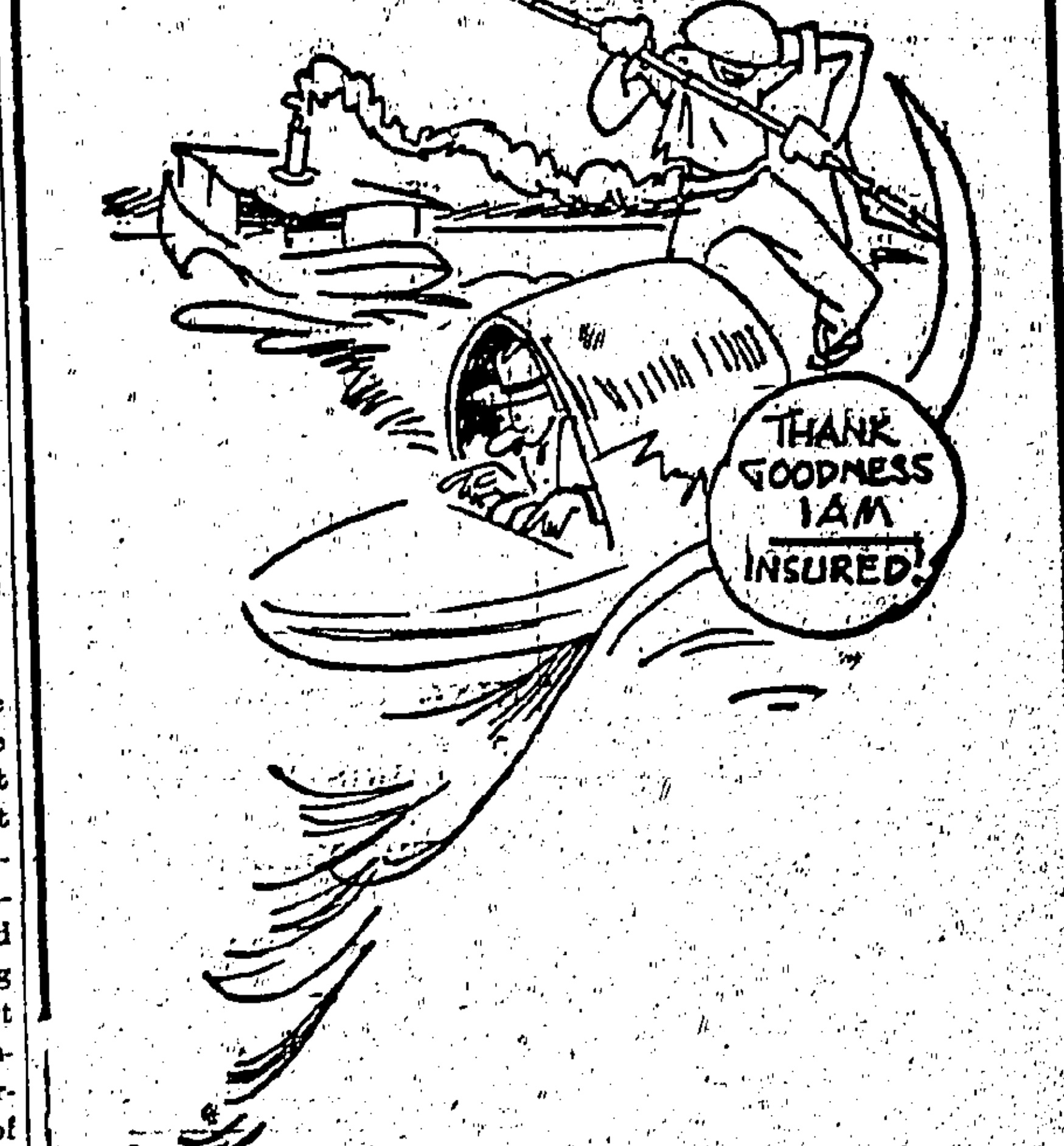
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No. 161 to 171, PRAYA EAST, INLAND LOT No. 499 SECTION D AND REMAINING PORTION AND MARINE LOT No. 271, SECTION D MARINE LOT No. 271, SECTION C AND REMAINING PORTION AND MARINE LOT No. 283, SECTION F, VICTORIA, HONG KONG.

The Properties consist of—

LOT 1.—All Those Pieces or Parcels of Ground situate at PRAYA EAST, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, and respectively registered in the Land Office as MARINE LOT No. 283, SECTIONS C, D, H, and the REMAINING PORTION, together with the Messuages or Tenements thereon respectively known as Nos. 161 to 171, PRAYA EAST.

Area: 11,593 Square Feet or thereabouts.

Proportion of Crown Rent: \$210.64 Per Annum.

LOT 2.—All Those Pieces or Parcels of Ground situate at WANUAI ROAD, Victoria, aforesaid, and respectively registered in the Land Office as INLAND LOT No. 499, SECTION D, and the REMAINING PORTION AND MARINE LOT No. 271, SECTION D. These Lots are now Vacant Land on which were previously erected 100 to 118 (Even Numbers) WANUAI ROAD.

Area: 11,265 Square Feet or thereabouts.

Proportion of Crown Rent: \$183.94 Per Annum.

LOT 3.—All Those Pieces or Parcels of Ground situate at PRAYA EAST, Victoria, aforesaid, and registered in the Land Office as MARINE LOT No. 271, SECTION C and the REMAINING PORTION AND MARINE LOT No. 283, SECTION F. These Lots are now Vacant Land on which were formerly erected the Messuages known as Nos. 176 to 183, PRAYA EAST.

Area: 9,177 Square Feet or thereabouts.

Proportion of Crown Rent: \$184.44 Per Annum.

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INTIMATIONS.

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Entries CLOSE Before 2 O'CLOCK, WEDNESDAY, 14th DECEMBER, 1927. [5624]

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING & MINING CO., LIMITED.

PAYMENT OF FINAL DIVIDEND ON SHARES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1927.

THE Company having declared A FINAL DIVIDEND of 10% (Ten Per Cent.), free of Income Tax, for the Year ended 30th JUNE, 1927, Holders of Bearer Shares and Holders of Dividend Warrants received from London on account of Registered Shares, will be paid their Dividend on presentation of No. 31 Coupon of the Bearer Shares, and Dividend Warrants on Registered Shares, to any one of the following Banks—

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P. C. YOUNG, General Manager, THE KAILAN MINING ADMINISTRATION. [5622]

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NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF SHARE WARRANTS TO BEARER.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that after the date for payment of the dividend for which Coupon No. 50 will be used holders of these Bearer Warrants should cut off the talons attached to the warrants. Particulars of the talons should then be entered in a PRINTED LIST (Form of which will be obtainable ONLY AT THE COMPANY'S OFFICE, ST. HENRY'S COURT, EC.3, and the Printed List ACCOMPANIED BY THE TALONS should be lodged by the holder in Person (if Resident in England) or by his Banker or other Agent Resident in England (BUT NOT THROUGH THE POST) at the Company's Office mentioned above.

No talon will be accepted unless accompanied by a list duly completed and signed by the warrant holder (if Resident in England) or by a banker or other Agent resident in England. Receipts will be given for the lists and talons and if these are found in order new coupons will be issued in exchange for the receipts on or after the FOURTH DAY after lodgment of talons and lists.

By Order of The Board, E. A. SMITH BEWSE, Secretary, St. Henry's Court, 22, Great St. Helens, London, October, 1927. [5600]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate No. 5/NS 13017 dated Hong Kong, 7th March 1927, for Ten Shares of this Bank numbered 5310/5419 in the Name of Mr. ARNOLD RUSSELL RIVETT has been LOST or STOLEN, and should this Certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 23rd DECEMBER, 1927, a New Certificate for the Shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 5/NS 13017 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as NULL and VOID.

By Order of the Court of Directors, A. C. HYNES, Chief Manager, Hong Kong, 22nd November, 1927. [5556]

MACAO RACES. MACAO RACES. MACAO RACES.

FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING.

SUNDAY, 11th DECEMBER, 1927. (Weather Permitting).

FIRST SADDLING BELL: 12.30 P.M. FIRST RACE AT 1 P.M.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE 40 Cts. MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE \$2.00

STREAMERS TO MACAO—S.S. "LUNGSHAN"—8.30 A.M.

SUNDAY, 11th DECEMBER.

S.S. "SUI AN"—9.30 A.M. SUNDAY, 11th DECEMBER.

RETURN FROM MACAO—S.S. "SUI AN"—3.30 P.M.

S.S. "LUNGSHAN"—5.00 P.M.

By Order, S. W. CHENG, Secretary. [5597]

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HONG KONG, DECEMBER 10th, 1927.

CHINA IN 1927.

FOREIGN residents in China, we think, will agree with the greater part of Mr. ASHMEAD BARTLETT's review of Chinese affairs during 1927 which was published in our issue yesterday. It is too much to expect complete approval of every word he writes for the problem of China to-day is so big and has so many aspects that disagreement on many matters of detail is unavoidable. That indeed, is one of the serious troubles in dealing with the situation; unanimity on any particular policy appears impossible. Mr. BARTLETT's criticism of the American missionaries, for example, will doubtless raise a storm of protest both in England and America and we ourselves regard it as altogether too sweeping. American missionaries may have endeavoured to influence American public opinion to the belief that the Chinese were perfectly capable of governing themselves without foreign interference, and their efforts in this direction may have done very considerable harm, but there is no substantial evidence that the "motives behind this propaganda were chiefly anti-British, a desire to destroy British influence and to ruin British trade in China, and to substitute American in its place." Until this charge is proved we would rather believe that the American missionaries have been as self-sacrificing as the British missionaries in their devotion to the work which they have considered it their duty to undertake. There are some black sheep in almost every fold, and even the missionaries may include a few among

their number, but that is not sufficient to warrant a contemptuous reference to them all as a band of arch-hypocrites. Mr. BARTLETT's description of the wholesale methods adopted by the Christian General for obtaining converts is, however, distinctly amusing. "FENG YU HSIANG," he says, "was the hope, the pride, the delight of all American missionaries. He swelled their annual statistics of conversions by whole armies at a time, and the official estimate of the number of these unwilling, and often freezing converts, baptised in the muddy waters of the Yellow River, could always be calculated upon to bring in a corresponding return in dollars from an astonished and delighted American public. . . . The brigades which have been submerged in the nearest local Jordan have no idea what their religious act signifies, or of the tenets of the faith to which they have been forcibly converted. They return to the faith, or, rather, the lack of faith of their forefathers, which is exactly the same as that laid down by MARK TWAIN: 'Do unto others as they would do unto you, only do it first.' It is well that this sinister figure of FENG YU HSIANG—who is as ruthless in religion as he is in warfare—should be unmasked before the Home public as frequently as possible. As Mr. BARTLETT points out his army enjoys a reputation worse almost than the army of any other Chinese leader. Its conduct in the field is marked by no higher decorum, discipline or chivalry towards the weak and defenceless. Murder, loot and rapine follow in its train. . . . Mr. ASHMEAD BARTLETT, however, renders his greatest service by his exposure of the hollowness of the Nationalist cry for the abolition of extra-territorial rights. This cry aroused the sympathy of the Home people to a remarkable degree and it is doubtful whether even yet they realise how supremely they were bluffed. Foreign residents in China know that the great mass of the illiterate Chinese population are ignorant of the fact that such rights exist, and that even if they knew the meaning of the term extra-territoriality, which they do not, the questions involved would not interest them in the slightest degree. But the slogan of the Nationalist party was a good one and was used with telling effect by the student class. It is indeed a thousand pities that the Chinese case was presented at the Washington Conference only by a class and some Chinese intellectuals and theorists—the half-baked exponents of foreign democracy—who knew far more about the conditions prevailing in the countries in which they had made their studies than they did about the elementary facts which must be faced in the land from which they sprang. . . . Whilst the China problem can only be discussed with the foreign diplomats by this small and unrepresentative class of Chinese there is bound to be some lack of comprehension of the real difficulties. The Generals and Tuptans are responsible for law and order in the Provinces. Had some of these been present at the Washington Conference they might have thrown much interesting light on the true internal condition of the country and they certainly would, as Mr. BARTLETT says, have laughed to derision the idea that the Chinese people were capable of assimilating modern democracy, or that an elected Parliament could exercise any authority over the masses. . . . One Chinese case of paratyphoid fever was reported on Thursday from Shanghai. . . . The Rev. E. Bastin, formerly pastor of the Wesleyan Church at Wanchai, has been transferred to the Ceylon mission field. . . . A dance for members and subscribers has been arranged at the Peak Club for this evening, beginning at 8.15. There will be a special late Peak Tram at 12.30.

A report was made to the police on Thursday night that a sum of \$120 was stolen during yesterday from the Hong Kong Boarding House in Connaught Road Central.

Waterloo Road between Argyle Street and Prince Edward Road, is temporarily closed to traffic. Bowen Road between Stubbs Road and Wanchai Gap is open to pedestrian traffic.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell, the Senior Magistrate, has reported to the Police that whilst his motor car was left unattended near the Star Ferry wharf on Thursday, a ruffian basket containing a dress suit and a dress shirt with gold buttons and links, worth \$150, was stolen.

A Chow dog belonging to Mr. Elridge, Boarding Officer at the Harbour Office, was removed to Kennedy Town, for observation after it had bitten Mr. Elridge's little child. Another dog belonging to Mrs. Hicky of No. 8 Block, Kennedy Road bit a Chinese, and was also taken to Kennedy Town.

At a meeting of St. John's Cathedral Women Workers' Guild, on Thursday, the Rev. G. H. Hewitt, R.N., gave an address on "The Church of the 19th Century." Afterwards a presentation was made to Rev. H. Copley Moyle who is leaving shortly for Home, by Mr. George Gamble, on behalf of the Women's Guild. The presentation took the form of a handsome silver salver.

The Kowloon Magistrate committed for trial a Chinese woman and a man on charges of highway robbery. It was alleged that the woman defendant enticed the complainant, who is a woman, to come here from Cheung Chau. They took her to a theatre and restaurant and later the woman was robbed of her jewellery and pushed into a drain near the railway bridge at Hung Hom. The male defendant is alleged to have assisted in the robbery.

Among passengers arriving here from Home and ports by the P. & O. s.s. *Moran* yesterday were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Ralston, Mr. F. C. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. A. Marks, Mr. and Mrs. G. Bird, Mr. R. Hancock, Mr. E. F. Wendham, Mr. and Mrs. Peoples, Mr. J. Ferguson, Col. and Mrs. McLaren and Miss McLaren, Mr. W. K. Cochrane, Mrs. H. F. Gerrard, Mr. W. Christie, Mr. C. C. Shilton, Mrs. C. H. McCormack, Mr. H. R. Forsyth, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, and Mr. W. Coyah.

What might be termed the first consignment of Christmas mail from Home arrived yesterday by the P. & O. s.s. *Moran*. The vessel berthed at the Kowloon Wharves in the morning, her expected arrival on Thursday having been delayed by heavy weather. There was a total of 620 bags landed. There were 206 bags of parcels from Great Britain, though the real Christmas parcel mail does not arrive until nearer Christmas. There were 152 bags of letters and papers for Hong Kong, of which number 108 bags were from the United Kingdom, dated London, November 10th, 46 bags were from Straits ports. The *Mantua* takes the outward Home mail *via* Suez to-day.

TWO VERY GALLANT GENTLEMEN.

NEXT WEEKS INVESTITURE BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

MR. T. P. BEATTY AND MR. A. DUNCAN.

It was stated yesterday that Mr. T. P. Beatty, is to be invested at Government House next Wednesday by H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) with the insignia of O.B.E. in recognition of the gallant part he played in the *Summing* piracy episode. Mr. Andrew Duncan is also to be invested with the Royal Humane Society's Medal for attempting to save the life of Mr. John Griffiths, late second officer of the s.s. *Changchao*, in September last year. Mr. Griffiths fell into the Yangtze at 8.45 p.m., and in spite of the darkness and the swift current, Mr. Duncan dived after him in a courageous effort to rescue the unfortunate officer. H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) will hold the Investiture at four o'clock, and will be accompanied by Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, Major General C. C. Luard, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax and Comdr. J. L. Pearson. Messrs. Beatty and Duncan will be introduced to His Excellency by Mr. N. S. Brown and Lieut.-Comdr. G. F. Hole. His Excellency will address Mr. Beatty and invest him with the Insignia of the Order, and Mr. Beatty will retire. His Excellency will then address Mr. Duncan and invest him with the Royal Humane Society's Medal and Mr. Duncan will then retire.

NAVAL VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT TO-NIGHT.

IN AID OF NEW SAILORS' AND SOLDIERS' HOME.

An attractive programme has been arranged by the "Thracians" who are giving a variety entertainment (by kind permission of Comdr. E. E. Sneypp, R.N.) at the Old Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Arsenal Street, this evening, at 8.30.

The proceeds will go towards the Building and Equipment Fund for the New Sailors' and Soldiers' Home which is now being built on the junction of Praya East and Anton Street.

The programme comprises ten items in each half.

Admission will be by programme.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory's weather report forecast and remarks issued at 6 p.m. yesterday stated: The anti-cyclone over China has strengthened slightly. The Japanese depression is now midway between Koshi and the Bonins moving eastward. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. Coast of China and over the China Sea. Forecast: N. Winds moderate, to fresh, fine.

TWEEDLEDEE TO TWEEDLEDAM.

Dear Tweedledam,—Aspiring, So I should judge, is tiring In social realms as in less worthy plans;— Grey hair and furrows vexing Soon cease to be perplexing To those who join the Club of Also Rans.

So, if you think of going To "demonstrations," knowing But little of Old Custom in our town, Just change your mind.—Enjoy them With n'er a care to cloy them, As by the kindly Pressmen-taken down.

For, though the intimation Be made, in invitation, That all is free as Nature's open book, Yet seats, unless well chosen To rearwards, might be frozen By wintry open windows,—or a look!

Thus, wording most emphatic Is merely idiomatic, And, sadly misapplied, creates no fuss; So when such terms are cited As—"Everyone Invited!" 'Tis meant—"Please come behind and look at—US!"

Now when in *spirit* we wrangle, And criticisms tangle, The "crickets on the hearth," who relish "Ham," A match are soon suggesting, Their heroes' skill contesting, To those who, scoring hats, prefer a "Tam."

Though "forests" of opinions In more abstruse dominions Occasion grief and sympathy profound, For principles so murky That no mince-pies or turkey May be enjoyed when *Christmas-tide* comes round!

And then, what admiration Is raised by conversation Which humble folk may hear of Higher Things! When those returned from travelling Their "stories" are unravelling Of grandeur,—not of cabbage; but kings;— And butlers, who gratefully Held away in dwelling stately (Plus one char-lady as their staff!) Ah, me!

Such wild imagination Deserves all approbation Among the ladies fayre!—Thine, TWEEDLEDEE.

ANOTHER PRELIMINARY KUOMINTANG MEETING HELD AT SHANGHAI.

WANG CHING WEI AND OTHER MEMBERS OF CANTON CLIQUE ATTEND. RUPTURE BETWEEN WANG AND SUN FO. WANG DEFIES THE NANKING FACTION.

CHIANG KAI SHEK IN THE ROLE OF MEDIATOR.

In spite of their differences the leaders of the Nanking and Canton Kuomintang have been able to hold another meeting prior to the much-discussed Fourth Kuomintang Conference. It would appear that through the mediation of Marshal Chiang Kai Shek, who is "neutral," the friction between the factions was temporarily quelled. There were, however, some "lively passages" between Mr. Wang Ching Wei and Mr. Sun Fo. The former is reported to have complained against the allegations of Communism brought against him and his Cantonese colleagues. He also protested against the attempt to prevent him from attending the forthcoming Conference.

RIVAL KUOMINTANG CAMPS.

NANKING VERSUS CANTON.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 9th. The preliminary meeting, held yesterday afternoon, agreed to the election of a Political Committee taking place at the Fourth Plenary Conference; that the National Government will be reorganised with powers definitely fixed, and that all resolutions passed by Wuhan and Nanking since the split be reconsidered; cancelled or confirmed at the Conference; that all members of the Kuomintang be re-registered after a rigid examination, that the Conference call a National Conference of the Kuomintang; also that the Fourth Plenary Conference be held at Nanking on a date to be fixed later. It is understood that Wang Ching Wei and Sun Fo had a violent altercation during the meeting. Yesterday evening the Nanking members held a conference at which it is understood they matured plans to ensure a Nanking majority at the Fourth Plenary Conference to the exclusion of the Cantonese.

Nanking has already issued instructions to Chen Ming Chu's Eleventh Army at Fukien to march on to Kwangtung.

This afternoon the Cantonese conferred at Wang Ching Wei's residence to discuss the advisability of attending the Fourth Plenary Conference at Nanking in view of the risks to personal safety and the probability of interference to free speech.

Present indications point to the probability of rival Fourth Plenary Conferences being convened at Nanking and Canton.

FRICION AMONG THE KUOMINTANG LEADERS.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, December 9th. At the preliminary meeting, Marshal Chiang Kai Shek, Chang Ching Kiang, Li Chang Jen and Wu Chiao Fei proposed that a Commission be organised for the special task of examining the personal conduct of Wang Ching Wei, Chan Kung Pu and Koo Meng Yu, who are suspected of being identified with Communism.

This resolution along with that proposed by General Li Tai Hsin in dealing with the Canton coup will be included in the general agenda of the coming Kuomintang Conference.

A heated debate culminating in a quarrel took place regarding the choice of place for the calling of the 4th Kuomintang Conference. Wang Ching Wei and Mrs. Liao Chung Hoi, representing the Canton clique, loudly declared that they would not be threatened with being suspected of sympathy with Communism nor would they be prevented from attending the 4th Kuomintang Conference.

Mr. Wang Ching Wei complained that the Opposition's action was apparently oppressive, and he alleged that the order issued by the Nanking Government for his arrest and that of his colleagues and their so-called impeachment were backed up by armed force against unarmed Kuomintang members.

General Li Tai Hsin is still at Nanking though reports have stated that he has returned to Swatow. He is reported to be inclined not to return to Kwangtung, meanwhile and at present he wishes General Chen Ming Shu, the dictator of Fukien, to proceed to Eastern Kwang and co-operate with General Wong Shiu Hung against Canton.

A NEW JERSEY MURDER.

VICTIM'S WIFE ACCUSED.

JURY CONSIDER VERDICT FOR 23 HOURS.

PLEA FOR NEW TRIAL.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MAYS LANDINGS, New Jersey, Dec. 9th.

A verdict of manslaughter was brought in at the trial of Willis Beach and Mrs. Margaret Lillendahl, who are accused of the murder of the latter's husband, Dr. Lillendahl, who was shot while motoring with his wife on September 15th.

The wife swore that two negroes carried out the murder. The jury, the foreman of whom was a woman, considered their verdict for 23 hours.

The sentence was deferred until December 10th on the plea of the woman's counsel that new evidence had been discovered.

Application will be made for a new trial.

The conviction is mainly owing to the changed testimony of a witness who at first was unable to identify the man she saw running away from the scene of the murder, but, later, swore that it was Beach.

WANG CHING WEI ATTENDS CONFERENCE.

CHIANG KAI SHEK AS MEDIATOR.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 9th. The Kuomintang Preliminary Conference met again this afternoon. Twenty-nine attended, including Wang Ching Wei and other Canton representatives.

It is understood that the meeting was arranged through the mediation of Chiang Kai Shek. The next meeting is on Saturday. No details have been published of what occurred.

FENG'S BIG VICTORY.

CHANG TSUNG CHANG NEARLY CAPTURED.

THE SOUTHERNERS' VERSION.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 9th. According to a despatch dated the 4th from Hsuehchou to General Chang Tso Kiang, personal representative of Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang, who is now in Shanghai, the North-western forces under General Sun Liang Zung captured Hsuehchou on December 3rd.

With the fall of the city, scores of train-loads of ammunition were left behind and about 100 higher rank officers of the enemy forces were taken as captives. Chang Tsung Chang himself just managed to escape.

Sun's Army Routed.

The city fell once into the hands of the Nationalists about ten days ago, when a detachment of Nanking forces entered the city on the morning of November 25th, following the flight of the routed troops of Sun Chuan Fang. But owing to the sudden withdrawal of the North-western army on the Lung-hai line and the timely arrival of the enemy reinforcements—the Shantung-Chihli forces under the personal command of Chang Tsung Chang—the Nanking forces had to abandon the city and retreated southward to Hsuehchou.

The fall of the city this time was the direct result of the series of victories scored once more against the Shantung-Chihli armies during the past weeks. Following upon the withdrawal of the North-western army into Honan, the Chihli-Shantung forces advanced as far again on the Lung-hai line as Luho, where on the 25th a severe battle was waged between the enemy forces under Chu Yu Fu, Hsu Yuen Hsien and Wang Tong and the main route army the Northwestern forces. On the 27th, the Shantung-Chihli forces commenced their retreat toward Northern Kiangsu, with the Northwestern army once again hot at their heels.

The Fall Of Hsuehchou.

But what was a more important victory was gained by the Left Route Army, under General Sun Liang Zung in the vicinity of Kao Chen. The enemy commander, Pan Hung Chuen, was captured and his army (the 13th Shantung-Chihli army) entirely routed. General Sun then wheeled his army southward, and by a series of flank movements and encirclement he defeated the enemy forces stationed at various points in between Kaochen and Hsuehchou.

With the main route army capturing Tangshan on the Lung-hai line, opportunity was given him to descend on Hsuehchou. This surprise attack was unexpected by the enemy garrison and the city fell on the 3rd, after short and brisk fighting.—Kuo Min.

NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF KOREA.

APPOINTMENT MADE DESPITE OF CRITICISM.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Dec. 9th. Despite adverse criticism in the Press, the Government have decided to appoint General Hanro Yamanashi, Governor-General of Korea, in succession to Admiral Saito, who has resigned.

[The new Governor-General was born in 1885, entered the Army in 1898, promoted Major-General in 1915. He was Minister of War for several years up till 1921. During the War, General Yamanashi was Chief of Staff of the Besieging Army of Tsingtao.]

LONDON TO AUSTRALIA.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS BROADCAST PROGRAMME.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 9th.

A special Christmas programme is to be broadcast on a short wavelength between 3.15 and 4 p.m. on December 24th, and it is hoped that it will be heard in Australia early on Christmas Day. This will be the first studio programme to be broadcast from the new Empire short wave station from which a number of experimental transmissions have been made already.

SOVIET'S EGYPTIAN COTTON DEALS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CAIRO, Dec. 9th. It is understood that the Soviet cotton delegates, apart from their 110,000 kantar deal with the Government, hitherto bought 180,000 kantars of cotton on spot market at Alexandria.

SOVIET INTRIGUE IN SWEDEN.

OUTSPOKEN PRESS COMMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 9th. Newspapers state that the Soviet Legation tried to suborn the services of the Italian and British Legations, but the Swedes who was the go-between exposed the plan.

The Labour daily paper, the *Social Demokrat*, joins with the non-socialist organs in urging the Soviet, if it desires friendly relations with Sweden, to ensure that its representatives are not compromised by affairs of espionage.

[A Reuter message of December 6th stated that a young Swedish reserve officer had been arrested on a charge of spying on behalf of the Soviet.]

THE HANKOW AREA.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

HANKOW, Dec. 8th. General Chen Chien's determination to gain complete control of the Hankow area is reflected in a sudden move carried out by his Sixth Army yesterday, resulting in the capture of Yochow, an important point on the railway.

The Army is moving on Changsha and advancing rapidly. It is expected that the city will fall into Chen Chien's hands in a few days.

The Sixth Army is that which was responsible for the Nanking affair, and though they have been quiet in Hankow, they are reported to be the worst-behaved troops in the Nationalist command.

RELIEF WORK IN SHANTUNG.

Forty-six thousand dollars were allocated for urgent relief work among 18 worst affected districts in the Shantung famine area at a recent meeting of the Shantung Committee of the China International Famine Relief Commission at Tientsin. This sum will be devoted to the purchase of grain and winter garments. The districts which will receive relief are as follows:

Class I. (83,000.00 each):—Fei Hsien, Meng Yin, Teng Hsien, I Hsien, Yen Chow, San Hsien, Lin I, Lin Ch'ing, Kwang Hsien and Chin Hsien.

Class II. (82,000.00 each):—Ping Yin, Ch'ü Hsien, Tung Ping, Ch'eng Wu, Tung Wu, Chang Ch'ing, Wen Hsien Hsien and Fei Ch'eng.

THE KING OF AFGHANISTAN.

STARTS ON HIS EUROPEAN TOUR.

VISITING LONDON.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 9th.

The King of Afghanistan, accompanied by the Queen and Royal suite, has left Kabul for his European tour and is expected to reach London in March. He has been invited to stay with King George and will remain the King's guest on an official visit of three days, after which he will tour several provincial towns of interest and inspect various industrial works.

He is travelling via Quetta and Karachi to Bombay, where he will be received by the Viceroy, Lord Irwin. He will then embark on the liner *Rajputana* for Egypt, where he will be the guest of King Fuad.

The first European capital to be visited will be Rome, where King Amanullah will stay with the King of Italy and will meet Signor Mussolini. He will proceed hence to Paris as guest of the French Republic, afterwards crossing to England.

Subsequently Brussels, Berlin and Moscow will be visited and the return to Afghanistan will probably be made via Central Asia.

MR. COOLIDGE'S MESSAGE.

GOOD FOR YOU, GOOD FOR BRITAIN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, December 8th.

The Council of the League has appointed Chuan Chao a member of the Advisory Economic Committee for a tenure of three years.

OPINIONS OF TWO BRITISH MINISTERS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 9th.

Two members of the Cabinet made references to President Coolidge's message to Congress at different functions to-night. Sir William Joynson Hicks did not complain of a single syllable therein, but said to the President and people of the United States that it was "a declaration of good for you and equally good for Britain."

He contended that Britain was also entitled to do what she considered right without reference to the demands and wishes of other nations. He considered that safety should come first, economy second.

Mr. Walter Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, said he was the last person to criticise Mr. Coolidge's message. Mr. Coolidge said that Americans would do what was necessary in their own defence. Mr. Bridgeman declared: "That is exactly the proposition I submitted to the Plenary Conference at Geneva." He strongly deprecated "war talk."

ECLIPSE OF THE MOON.

INVISIBLE IN LONDON.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 8th.

Little or nothing could be seen in London to-day of the total eclipse of the moon, owing to clouds and mist.

It is possible, however, that better conditions may have prevailed in the provinces.

Partially Observed At Dublin.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 9th.

Over the whole of Great Britain last evening, the moon and stars were invisible owing to thick mist. Observations of the eclipse of the moon by the earth's shadow was consequently impossible. In Dublin, although the sky was overcast, the eclipse was partially observed.

GERMAN INDUSTRIAL CAUTION.

CONSERVING PROFITS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Dec. 8th.

One of the directors of the German Steel Trust announces that the Trust is unable to pay a high dividend owing to unsatisfactory results in coal mining, and expected large expenditure in connection with the impending settlement with the workers.

Krupps have also passed by a dividend, and have reserved their profits for unforeseen expenditure.

NEW CRUISER COMMISSIONED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 8th.

The ten thousand-ton cruiser *Cumberland* was commissioned to-day. She carries eight eight-inch guns.

LEAGUE COUNCIL AND A THORNY QUESTION.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF DANZING.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 9th.

The report by the two jurists, Sir Cecil Hurst Britain and Signor Piloti, to whom the problem arising out of the administration of Danzig had been referred, was before the League of Nations' Council at Geneva yesterday.

Sir Austen Chamberlain urged that the award of the two jurists should be respected. He pointed out that otherwise jurists of repute would be disinclined to give opinions.

The Polish delegate had indicated that difficulties considered in the award were of a practical nature and Sir Austen Chamberlain therefore submitted that they were unsuitable for decision by a juridical body.

The Polish delegate thereupon suggested that pending examination on the spot of the practical difficulties, the jurists award should be held up; and it was finally decided to appoint a rapporteur to draft a formula authorising a settlement on the basis of the jurists' award.

Consideration of the Polish-Lithuanian dispute is being resumed before the Council to-day, when it is expected that Marshal Pilsudski will represent Poland.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Appointment For Chinese Delegates.

GENEVA, December 8th.

The Council of the League has appointed Chuan Chao a member of the Advisory Economic Committee for a tenure of three years.

PREMIUM BONDS.

CONSERVATIVE PARTY SCHEME ANNOUNCED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 8th.

A proposal to issue premium bonds as a means of raising money for the State on advantageous terms, has been made, and Conservative members of the House of Commons are being circulated on the subject.

The circular is signed by Colonel Grettton and Sir Frank Nelson, chairman and secretary of the Conservative economic group, and it asks for the views of members on the proposal.

The scheme has been worked out, and it is contended that by the introduction of the element of chance, with substantial money prizes, large sums could be raised by the Government at two or two and a half per cent. interest.

Representations may be made to the Government early next session, if the opinions expressed are favourable.

It may be recalled, however, that Mr. Baldwin has already expressed his disbelief that such a method of raising revenue would be generally acceptable. Any such proposal would, indeed, undoubtedly be the subject of acute controversy.

FOLLOWING IN FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS.

MISS MEGAN LLOYD GEORGE AS LIBERAL CANDIDATE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 8th.

Miss Megan Lloyd George will it is stated, stand as Liberal candidate for a seat in Wales at the next general election.

She has had wide experience, as her father's constant companion on his big political engagements.

MISSISSIPPI FLOODS.

A GIANTIC ENGINEERING PROJECT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8th.

The President has transmitted to Congress a \$300,000,000 engineering scheme planned by the army engineers corps for controlling the Mississippi floods, from Cairo, in Illinois, to the Mexican Gulf, introducing new floodways and strengthening and raising the existing levees.

Only a small part of the cost will fall on the valley States.

STILL HELD CAPTIVE.

CAPTAIN LALOR AND MR. TOCHER STILL WITH THE PIRATES.

MORE MONEY DEMANDED.

While fears regarding the safety of Mr. Tocher, the missionary who set out with ransom money to negotiate for the release of Capt. Lator, master of the China Navigation Company's *Siang Tan*, have been somewhat allayed, there is still considerable anxiety felt regarding Capt. Lator.

A Naval Wireless message from Ichang, dated Thursday, states that Mr. Tocher is reported to be in touch with pirates through agents and that Capt. Lator is somewhere in the Shasi district.

From this it would seem that the pirates made a rapid move into the country with their captive (Capt. Lator) and are holding out for a bigger ransom, and that their intention is to keep both Capt. Lator and Mr. Tocher until their demands are complied with.

A Definite Hitch.

That further demands are being made is confirmed in a Reuter message, dated Shanghai December 9th (yesterday), which states:—

A message from Ichang shows that there is a definite hitch in the arrangements for the release of Capt. W. G. Lator.

Mr. Forbes Tocher, the Scottish missionary who is acting as intermediary, proceeded in a launch to the agreed rendezvous only to find on arrival that Capt. Lator was not being produced, and that the bandits had again removed their captive; this time further inland, with indications that they intend to hold out for more money.

Messages left by Mr. Tocher suggest that he does not think Capt. Lator has been, or will be, ill-treated.

No naval escort accompanied Mr. Tocher to the appointed rendezvous. His only companions were Chinese intermediary agents.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

Tungting Lake Shipping.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 8th.

Reports from the Yangtze indicate that conditions for British shipping in Tungting Lake are much more satisfactory, and services are likely to be resumed shortly.

SINGAPORE BASE.

LADY JOURNALIST'S DESCRIPTION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 8th.

Details of the Singapore base are described in an article in the *Daily Telegraph* by a New Zealand woman who claims to be the first journalist shown over the base.

The base being constructed in the Straits of Johore will eventually consist of a dockyard, floating dock, tanks storing 1,250,000 tons of oil and a wireless station able to communicate with the Admiralty all day long. It will be defended by what are hoped will be impenetrable fortifications situated on lofty islets, as well as aeroplanes and aeroplanes, the latter to be housed six miles from the base and also separated by a wide river, which, however, is being bridged.

The written points out that Singapore is the fourth largest port in the Empire and occupies a key position.

CASH ON DELIVERY FOR COTTON.

A LIVERPOOL EXPERIMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 8th.

The Liverpool Cotton Association has overwhelmingly passed a resolution to demand cash on delivery for cotton to spinners, for a trial period of twelve months.

This decision will hamper many concerns, but it is stated that a number of cotton merchants have lost a lot of money lately.

FREEWILL OFFERING.

OVER £1,000,000 TO THE EXCHEQUER.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 8th.

Mr. Churchill, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated in the House of Commons that the total gifts in cash dividends surrendered and stocks donated to the exchequer since war began, was £1,078,000.

CRICKET.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

The following is the list of matches for to-day—

League: Division I.
Craigengower C.C. v. Civil Service C.C.
Chinese R.C. v. Royal Navy.
Division II.
Civil Service C.C. v. R.E.
Friendly Matches.
Hong Kong C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.
Police R.C. v. Queen's Regt.
Indian R.C. v. B. v. H.K. Electric.
University 2nd XI. v. Recreation.
Kowloon C.C. and XI. v. China Light and Power.
TO-MORROW.
University Past and Present v. Combined League, at Pokfulam (whole day).
Indian R.C. v. B. v. Queen's Regt.

BOXING.

K.O.S.B. v. "ARGUS."

THIRTY SEVEN ROUNDS OF HARD FIGHTING.

[BY BANTAM.]

No less than thirty-seven rounds of hard fighting have been arranged for to-night at Murray Barracks when men from the K.O.S.B. will meet some of the Argus fistic experts.

Several boxers, well-known to the local ring, will appear. There will be a six round contest between Pte. Hume (K.O.S.B.) and Tel. Bates (Argus). Hume is a lad that Hong Kong fans would like to see in action again. His decisive victory over Shone at the last tournament has put him among the front rank of local pugilists.

Bates, I understand, is a lad full of pep and grit and just as determined to win as Hume. He is in good form and should give Hume a fight to the last.

Another good bout of the evening should be that between Pte. Smith (K.O.S.B.) and Sig. Morris (Argus). The latter won in grand style over L. S. Wilson at the last tournament. Both contestants are in good trim and a mere six round set-to will be nothing to them.

Other bouts will be between Pte. McConnell (K.O.S.B.) and Stoker Thornby (Argus) in a three round contest.

A. B. Mitchell (Argus) will battle six rounds with Cpl. McGill (K.O.S.B.), and Pte. Canvey (K.O.S.B.) will also go the same distance with Stoker Gray (Argus). In the welterweight class Cpl. Freeman (K.O.S.B.) will go four rounds with A. B. Thompson (Argus), and Sgt. Leamen will also fight six rounds against A. B. Munch.

There will also be another six round contest between L/Opl. Frame (K.O.S.B.) and Tel. Perkins (Argus).

LAWN BOWLS.

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL TO-DAY.

Much interest is being taken in the Lawn Bowls Championship Singles final to-day at the Kowloon C.C. green. It marks the close of the season, and the final game will be well contested between Lapsley and Brown, both of Kowloon Dock R.C. They are good players and there will doubtless be a big crowd present.

At the close of the contest, Mrs. Sutherland will distribute the Spey Cup, the Championship prizes and other trophies, including League Shields. The Spey Cup goes to Taikoo, who beat Craigengower C.C. last week. The First Division League Shield to Kowloon C.C.

Taikoo Closing Day.

The official closing day of the Taikoo Club Bowling Green takes place next Saturday, the 17th, and not to-day, as was inadvertently announced in our Diary of Events. The bowls and other club prizes will be distributed that day.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

PROSPECTS AND TEAMS.

The following games in the Hong Kong League are down for decision to-day—

Division I: Kick-off at 4 p.m.
R.A. v. South China, Sookunpoo ground. Referee: Mr. F. Smith.
Hong Kong Police v. K.O.S.B.'s, St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Mr. Baldwin.
China Athletic v. Hong Kong F.C., H.K.F.C. ground. Referee: Sgt. Hyson.
R.A.F. v. Club de Recreo, King's Park ground. Referee: Sgt. Brown.
Scotts Guards v. Kowloon F.C., Chatham Road ground. Referee: Capt. Austin, M.C., M.M.

Division II: "A": Kick-off at 3.30 p.m.
Club de Recreo Rex v. St. Joseph's, King's Park ground. Referee: S. Sgt. Gilmour.
K.O.S.B.'s Res. v. South China "A", Sookunpoo ground. Referee: Pte. Lamb.
R.A. Res. v. University, St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Pipe Major Mackie.
South China "B" v. China Athletic Res., South China ground. Referee: S. Sgt. Gilbert.

Division II: "B": Kick-off at 3.30 p.m.
St. Joseph's Res. v. South China "B", Kowloon ground. Referee: B. Q.M.S. Hutchins.
Kowloon "B" v. King Woo, Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Cowan.
South China "A" v. Moslem Club, H.K.F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Samy.

Kick-off at 4 p.m.

Boy Scouts v. China Athletic, South China ground. Referee: Mr. Samy.

NOTES ON THE FIXTURES.

The Kowloon and Hong Kong F.C. Reserves will not be out to-day owing to the H.K.V.D.C. week-end camp at Fanling.

To-day, the senior league commences its second half of the programmes. The outstanding teams in the first half of the league programme are—Division I: China Athletic; Division II: "A": K.O.S.B.'s Reserves; and in Division II: "B": China Athletic.

The H.K.F.C. should do much better in the second half of their fixtures than in the first. Their half back line now is very strong and with Taylor back in the forward line, the attack should be stronger. Vickers played a very useful game against the Police last week and scored twice.

At Sookunpoo, the Gunners should win against South China. In the opening game of the season, the R.A. had a very easy win on the South China ground. South China have shown marked improvement lately and should give the Gunners a fast game on the Garrison ground. The K.O.S.B.'s are visitors to the St. Joseph's ground where they meet the Police. The first game between these teams at Sookunpoo ended in a division of points. The K.O.S.B.'s should just get home to-day.

The China Athletic are out on the H.K.F.C. ground with the Club in opposition. The game should be very keenly contested but on present form the Athletic should win. The Athletic will have to be on their best to take full points to-day. The game at King's Park between the champions and the R.A.F. should be very closely contested. The style of play of the opposing side is a great contrast. The Recreation have plenty of speed and swing the ball about, while the R.A.F. go in for the close passing game.

The Guards will open favourites for their game with Kowloon F.C. on the United Services ground. It is a pity that the Railway ground is vacant at 4 p.m. Probably this game will be transferred to the Garrison ground. Wheeler returned to the Colony yesterday and is expected to turn out to-day for Kowloon. His inclusion in the side should improve the defence.

Reserves And Juniors.

At King's Park St. Joseph's meet the Recreation Reserves and a keen game should be seen. The visitors should return with at least one point.

The result of the game at Sookunpoo, is a foregone conclusion. There only remains to be seen the number of goals that the K.O.S.B.'s Reserves will win by.

The University are due out on St. Joseph's ground to meet the R.A. The Gunners should annex full points.

(Continued on next column.)

HOME FOOTBALL.

THE LEAGUE PROGRAMME.

FIXTURES CURTAILED.

SECOND ROUND OF F.A. CUP.

The second round proper of the Football Association Cup will be played at Home to-day and consequently there are practically no matches in the Southern and Northern Sections of Division III. The remainder of the Divisions have a full League programme.

In Division III (Southern) there will be only one match, and in Division III (Northern) only two matches.

The League fixtures follow:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Arsenal v. Newcastle U.
Aston Villa v. Everton.
Barnley v. Huddersfield T.
Bury v. Tottenham Hotspur.
Derby C. v. Blackburn R.
Leicester C. v. Middlesbrough.
Liverpool v. Birmingham.
Preston N. E. v. Stoke City.
Sheffield U. v. Manchester U.
Sunderland v. Cardiff City.
West Ham v. Bolton W.

Division II.

Barnsley v. Oldham Athletic.
Fulham v. Notts County.
Hall City v. Bristol City.
Leeds United v. Chelsea.
Manchester C. v. W. Brom A.
Nottingham F. v. Clapton O.
Port Vale v. Reading.
Preston N. E. v. Stoke City.
South Shields v. Blackpool.
Swansea T. v. Southampton.
Wimbledon v. Grimsby T.

Division III (Southern).

Merthyr Town v. Breiford.
Division III (Northern).

Accrington S. v. Chesterfield.
Astoning v. Barrow.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Airdrieonians v. Hearts.
Bo'ness v. Partick Thistle.
Clyde v. Hamilton Acads.
Cowdenbeath v. Aberdeen.
Hibernian v. Raith Rovers.
Kilmarnock v. Dunfermline.
Motherwell v. St. Mirren.
Queen's Park v. Falkirk.
Rangers v. Dundee.
St. Johnstone v. Celtic.

THE F.A. CUP.

SECOND ROUND MATCHES.

The following are the matches to be played to-day at Home in the Second Round Proper of the F.A. Cup.

Gainsborough v. Lincoln C.
Bradford C. v. Rotherham U.
Bradford v. Southport.
Crewe v. Stockport.
Wrexham v. Carlisle.
Darlington v. Rochdale.
Trafford v. Halifax T.
New Brighton v. Rhyd.
Bournemouth v. Bristol R.
Gillingham v. Southend U.
Luton T. v. Norwich C.
Charlton v. B. Kettering.
Swindon T. v. Crystal Pal.
Peterborough and Fenton v. Aldershot T.
Northampton T. v. Brighton.
Exeter C. v. Ilford.
London Caledonians v. Bath C.

INTERPORT FOOTBALL.

CHINESE MATCH TO TAKE PLACE AT SHANGHAI.

The National Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation at Shanghai has notified the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation of Hong Kong that the next Chinese interport football match will take place at Shanghai about January 20th. The Hong Kong Chinese Federation met at the South China Athletic Association last night and decided that the South China team will leave for Shanghai about the middle of January and that Mr. H. K. Lee, hon. treasurer of the Hong Kong A.A. Federation, would look after the details. Among those who were at the meeting were Mr. Ng Sze Kwong, of the Chinese Recreation Club, Mr. Ko Sic Wai, of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Mr. H. K. Lee, of the Chinese Athletic Association, and Mr. Hin Wong, of the South China Athletic Association.

The game on the South China ground between the two China teams should be very fast and will be the best contested game in the division this week. The Athletic should win by a small margin. In the "B" Division, the champions will be hard pressed by the South China "B" and a division of points is expected.

Kowloon "B" receive King Woo on the Railway ground and a win for the visitors should be the result.

The Moslem Club should win against South China "A" on the H.K.F.C. ground.
The China Athletic and Boy Scouts game should be keenly contested with the Athletic winning.

LAWN TENNIS.

CHINESE R.C. v. CANTON C.C.

LOCAL CLUB'S EASY VICTORY.

The Canton Christian College paid a return visit to the Chinese Recreation Club and in a match yesterday the local Club won by a comfortable margin of 4-5 games on their own courts at Causeway Bay.

Ho Ka Lau and Yaw Man Kit ("A" Division pair), Cheung Wing Kue and Lau Fook Ki ("B" Division), and Kwok Po Kun and Lan Man Kwong ("C" Division), represented the winning side and they won 7 out of the 9 sets. The first pair secured the largest number of games. The visitors had one of their best players absent.

The detailed results follow:—
Ho Ka Lau and Yaw Man Kit:—
beat C. H. Ma and S. K. Ho 10-1
beat H. Y. Lo and G. Greene 9-2
beat A. R. Knipp and J. M. Henry 9-3

Cheung Wing Kue and Lau Fook Ki:—
lost to C. H. Ma and S. K. Ho 5-6
beat H. Y. Lo and G. Greene 9-2
lost to A. R. Knipp and J. M. Henry 5-6

Kwok Po Kun and Lau Man Kwong:—
beat C. H. Ma and S. K. Ho 9-2
beat H. Y. Lo and G. Greene 8-3
beat A. R. Knipp and J. M. Henry 9-2

Total:—Chinese R.C., 72; Canton C.C., 27.

Open Championship At Canton.

It is hoped to arrange an Open Championship Tournament at Canton during the course of the next few weeks. Entries have been invited for Open Singles and Open Doubles Championship and both residents and visitors may compete. The fee is \$2 for each competitor for each event and entries, which should be sent to Mr. G. W. Green, c/o the Canton Christian College, close on the 15th inst. The date for the start has not been decided yet.

The American Association has generously donated Challenge Cups for the two events and the Canton organisers hope to receive support from Hong Kong, and are looking forwards to seeing our players participating. The Tournament will probably be held in the Public Garden.

THE WORLD'S CHESS CHAMPION.

ALEKHINE OFFICIALLY PROCLAIMED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 8th.

Alekhine has been officially proclaimed champion by the Argentine Chess Club, under the auspices of which the tournament was held. Of the \$10,000 purse Alekhine received \$5,400 and Capablanca \$4,600. Alekhine also received a gold medal from the Club.

HOCKEY.

LADIES' TEAM v. DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The following team of Ladies will play the Diocesan Girls' School, on the School ground, at 3.15 p.m. to-day:—

F. Stevenson; M. Wallace and B. Laing; E. O'Hagen; N. McNeillie, and M. Bird; M. Millard; E. Baker, E. Bell, E. Adair, and L. Bell.

RECREIO, Y.M.C.A.

This match takes place at King's Park ground on Monday, at 5 p.m. sharp.

Recreio:—H. M. Barros; D. Squad; G. Remedios; A. A. Botelho; R. C. Reed; and C. Basto; A. M. Xavier, C. Roza Pereira, H. Alves, D. Lopes, and A. Silva.

RACING NOTES.

[BY RAPIER.]

Macao Race Meeting.

There will no doubt be a big crowd going over to Macao tomorrow for the above meeting as the Macao Race Club have arranged an attractive programme. The s.s. Lungshan has been specially put on this run and leaves the Hong Kong Wharf at 9.30 a.m. arriving in good time to enable passengers to get to the Course for the first race which takes place at 1 p.m. The s.s. Sai An is also running but does not leave Hong Kong till 9.30 and returns at 3.30 p.m. The Lungshan returns at 5 p.m.

There are seven races on the card and the entries for the various events are 9, 7, 14, 18, 20, 42 and 17 respectively. Most of the Hong Kong jockeys are making the trip so there will be no dearth of riders.

As a pleasant break from the monotony of Hong Kong sporting life the trip can be strongly recommended. I am indebted to a friend in Macao for the following selections which are based on training times. I cannot, of course, take any responsibility for them as I have not been present at any of the gallops. The tips, however, seem fairly sound from what I know of the ponies.

1.—The Pasha Plate: Five Furlongs.

Taree or Peking.
Hailo (late Arcia Preta).
Veloz.

2.—The Macao 1927 Griffin's Stakes: 1½ Miles.

Sun Ning.
Shanghai Friend.
Ma Kou Siac.

3.—The Kolling Plate: 1 Mile.

Chin Shan.
Walchow.
Yuen Sin or Sutherland.

4.—The Tai Ping Plate: Half Mile.

Chow Tze Lon.
Tap Siac.
Mowgli.

5.—The West Lake Plate: Seven Furlongs.

Warlordship.
Chui Chow Ning.
Longwa.

6.—The December 11th Despatchum Plate: 1 Mile.

Wild Fellow or Warrington.
Ma Kou Siac.
Hon Sin.

DOG RACING.

AUSTRALIA PROHIBITS BETTING AT RACES.

CAIRO TO HAVE A TRACK.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SYDNEY, Dec. 8th.

A measure prohibiting betting on night greyhound racing passed both Houses. It is anticipated that this will kill dog racing, which is not expected to survive the opposition of horse-racing.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 8th.
The Legislative Council passed a Bill prohibiting betting on mechanical hare racing.

The Victoria Assembly has already passed the Bill.
Spain Follows Suit.

MADRID, Dec. 8th.
The Government has refused the application for a licence to establish greyhound racing in Madrid on the ground that gambling is forbidden in Spain.

A Track For Cairo.

LONDON, Dec. 8th.
The Cairo Government has granted a permit to the Greyhound Racing Association of England to install a racing track at Cairo.

F.A. AND DOG RACING.

CLUBS MUST STOP BETTING ON FOOTBALL.

A committee of the F.A. recommend to the council that the following resolution be adopted:—

"Realising the difficulty which clubs may experience when their grounds are used for greyhound racing and other sports at which betting openly and regularly takes place, and that it would be too great an interference to prohibit the use of grounds for greyhound racing."

The council specially warns clubs that they are responsible for preventing betting on their grounds at football matches and requires them to do all in their power to keep our game free from betting.

GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

SUNDAY'S STARTING TIMES AT FANLING.

9.24 a.m.	L. R. Andrewes and G. Murray.
9.28 "	F. Cowherd and J. Harrop.
9.32 "	W. A. Lyons and D. G. Bruce.
9.36 "	T. Low and M. N. Fleming.
9.40 "	A. O. Brown and C. W. Jeffries.
9.44 "	N. K. Littlejohn and T. C. Monaghan.
9.48 "	R. Young and M. M. H. H. Stuart and H. G. Standage.
9.52 "	R. M. Finlayson and W. D. Brown.
10.00 "	E. Davidson and R. E. Lindell.
10.04 "	H. F. Bloxham and T. D. E. Fendered.
10.08 "	R. L. Stewart and A. Sommerreit.
10.12 "	N. H. Prookter and E. F. Streetfield.
10.16 "	J. W. Alabaster and M. Ivy.
10.20 "	W. Ironside and C. B. Robertson.
10.24 "	J. W. Franks and P. P. J. Wedehouse.
10.28 "	D. M. Goodall and A. Morley.
10.32 "	R. M. Smith and H. G. Sheldon.
10.36 "	J. H. Aakes and J. H. M. Andrew.
10.40 "	T. Kumsay and F. Taylor.
10.44 "	H. G. Hegarty and J. Cameron.
10.48 "	W. L. Dunbar and F. A. Redmond.
10.52 "	E. R. Hallifax and J. W. Robertson.
10.56 "	W. A. Butterfield and D. J. Gilmore.
11.00 "	E. J. Mahon and W. C. Murray.
11.04 "	A. H. Cox and G. Vickers.
11.08 "	D. Edwards and W. A. Stewart.
11.12 "	W. R. Mansfield and T. G. Bennett.
11.16 "	A. E. Lissaman and S. T. Butlin.
11.20 "	A. Leach and C. C. Stark.
11.24 "	J. D. Kinnaird and T. S. Morrison.
11.28 "	F. S. Harrison and C. B. Johnson.
11.32 "	H. A. Lammert and A. D. Humphreys.
11.36 "	T. G. Weall and L. G. S. Dodwell.
11.40 "	G. H. Bell and H. Graves.

PSYCHOLOGY OF HUMOUR.

WAYS OF RAISING LAUGHTER.

SYD CHAPLIN'S CLEVER ANALYSIS.

During an interval in the production of "A Little Bit of Fluff," in which Miss Betty Balfour and he are the stars, Mr. Syd Chaplin (Charlie's brother) told the Daily News correspondent his theories of humour.

"You can take any 'gag' and analyse it," he said. "There are several principles of humour. For instance, we all inwardly resent authority, yet we all feel bound by certain conventions. Therefore a sure way of getting a laugh is to make the comedian outrage the conventions."

"It is much easier to make people laugh by hitting a policeman on the head than by hitting an ordinary person, because the policeman is a symbol of authority. It is funnier to hit a man who is wearing a tall hat than to hit a man wearing a bowler, because the tall hat is a symbol of affectation. Nobody seems to like the kind of person we call a 'Smart Alec.' 'Any sort of faux pas can be made funny. The principles are always the same. Where my brother Charlie excels is in his treatment of them. The comedian must be, apparently, the mental inferior of his audience. They like to feel they are in the superior position. Creating Sympathy.

"Pathos helps because it creates sympathy for the central figure. 'The elaborate performance of a small action is another source of laughter. Moving the piano instead of the seat because the seat isn't near enough, is an example. 'One of the greatest backgrounds for comedy is to have your comedian blissfully ignorant of conditions that are obvious to the audience. This is all the more effective if the conditions involve apparent danger.

"Distortion of the sense of proportion is another way of producing laughter. It is exemplified in the joke about the woman who says to her husband, 'You'd better not wear your new hat to-night, John. You know we're likely to get a Zeppelin raid!'

"One 'gag' suggests another. They come to you as you go along, but you will find the germs of most of them in the principles I have mentioned."

Mr. Chaplin told me that after the brilliant sunshine of California he quite enjoyed England's dull grey skies. "I find them so calming and restful," he said.



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CHURCH NOTICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONG KONG.

DECEMBER 11th, 1927, 2nd Sunday in Advent.—
Holy Communion at 8 a.m.
Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Matins at 11 a.m.—
Preacher:—Rev. W. R. Cannell.
Evening at 6 p.m.—
Preacher:—Rev. H. Copley Moyle.
There will be a Social Gathering after Evening Music and Light Refreshments.

TUESDAY, December 13th.—Organ Recital by Mr. F. Mason at 5.45 p.m. [97]

UNION CHURCH (KENNEDY ROAD).

SUNDAY SERVICES, December 11th:—
Sunday School at 9.45 a.m.
10.30 a.m.—General Service and K.O.S.B. Parade.
Hymns: 71, 317, 203 and 544.
Preacher:—Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.
11.30 a.m.—Service of Children's Baptisms.
Evening Service at 6 p.m.—
Hymns: 109, 159, 324, 400 and 541.
Preacher:—Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.
WEDNESDAY, December 14th, at 8.15 p.m.—
Soldiers and Sailors' Christian Association.

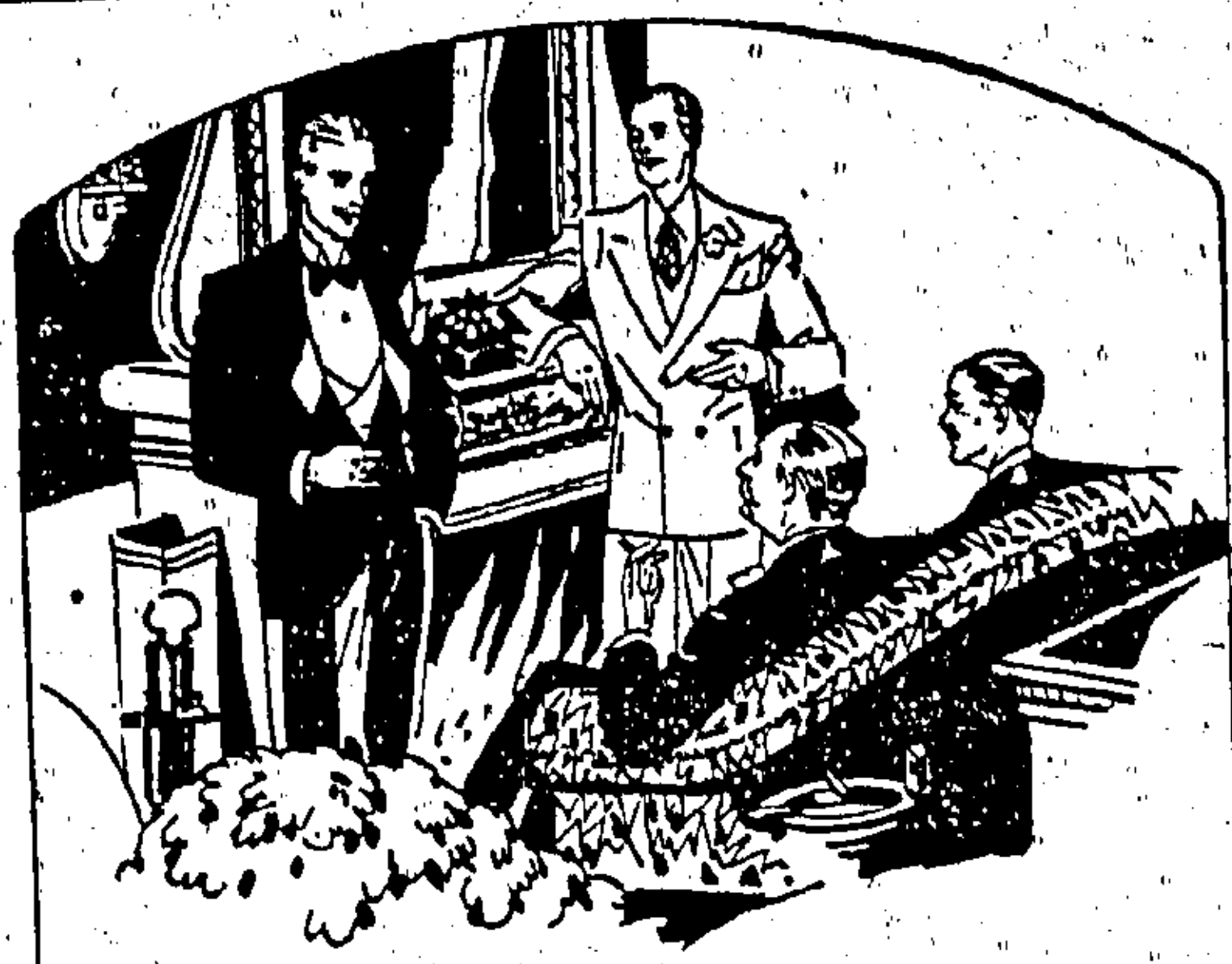
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SUNDAY SERVICES, December 11th, at 11.15 a.m.—
Subject:—"God The Preserver of Man."
Wednesday Evening Meeting at 5.30 p.m.
Reading Room at above address, open:—
Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon.
Monday and Thursday, 5 to 7 p.m.
The Public is cordially invited to attend the services and visit the Reading Room.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, December 9th.

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p.m.
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Pres. Cleveland Tues., Jan. 31st

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Pres. Taft Wed., Dec. 28th
Pres. Jefferson Wed., Jan. 11th
Pres. Lincoln Wed., Jan. 25th

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Pres. Monroe Sun., Jan. 15th, 8 a.m.

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Pres. Garfield Dec. 18th, 6 p.m.
Pres. Taft Dec. 20th, 6 p.m.

Pres. McKinley Dec. 26th, 8 p.m.
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ANDRE LEBON A	—	—	3rd Jan., 1928.
CHRONCEAUX A	18th Nov.	21st Dec.	17th Jan.
ANGERS B	2nd Dec.	4th Jan.	31st Jan.
D'ARTAGNAN A	16th Dec.	18th Jan.	14th Feb.
G. METZINGER A	30th Dec.	1st Feb.	28th Feb.

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NAPLES.
No review of archaeological activities in Italy on which Signor Mussolini gets great store would be complete without mention of Ostia, the harbour of ancient Rome, and of the proposed recovery of the so-called "ships of Tiberius" which lie at the bottom of Lake Nemi.

Ostia, at the time of its greatest development, numbered over 100,000 inhabitants. Only about one-fifth of the ancient city has been brought to light and work is still continuing there. It contains theatres, temples, baths, public buildings, and private residences built on a magnificent scale.

First Labour Exchanges.
Of far greater interest than these edifices, magnificent as they are, is the inking Ostia affords us of the maritime and commercial organisation of Imperial Rome. We see the "Square of the Corporations," a kind of Chamber of Commerce, under the columns of which were the "schools" or seats of the various corporations or guilds; the shops where dealers in tow, ropes, skins, and so forth offered their wares; the labour exchange, where sailors were hired, and the seats of representatives of other maritime cities.

The recovery of the ships of Tiberius is perhaps the boldest archaeological project ever conceived. It is believed that Emperor Tiberius—archaeologists now state it was not Tiberius but Caligula—built two floating palaces on Lake Nemi near Rome. They contained priceless objects of art.

They were both sunk—it is not known how or why—near the shore in a depth of water of about 60 feet. Various attempts to salvage them have been made at different times and some of these attempts were partly successful—which is a pity, because they injured the ships without recovering anything of real outstanding merit.

Lake Above Lake.
Signor Mussolini last year decided that the ships are to be floated. A plan was devised to empty Lake Nemi to permit the ships being reached. This is rendered possible by the fact that alongside Lake Nemi, but at a lower level and separated from it by a mountain, is another and much larger lake, the Lake of Albano.

By digging a tunnel from the bottom of Lake Nemi to the Lake of Albano it will be possible to pour the water of the former into the latter. The redundant water will be disposed of by means of a tunnel leading out of the Lake of Albano, which was built by the Romans and needs but to be suitably enlarged.

Though agreed upon in principle, the practical details of this plan are still being studied. It is believed that about 10,000,000 lire will be required for this work.

Hulls Of Clay And Iron.

An interesting point about the ships of Tiberius is that they are the earliest known forerunners of our modern steel ships. They were made by covering the wooden hulls of the ships with clay, upon which molten iron was poured by a process the secret of which has been lost. The hull was built up to a considerable thickness by means of alternate layers of clay and iron. The result was a hard, iron-like substance which has defied the corrosion of water for almost twenty centuries.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN.

SATIRIC PICTURE BY THE HON. JOHN COLLIER.

"It is a perfectly straightforward painting," said the Hon. John Collier, in reply to the criticism that in his latest picture, "The Brotherhood of Man," he was being deliberately mystifying. It shows a gathering of anarchists round a table. There are coarse-looking ruffians, intellectual extremists, a smartly turned out youngster, and an old woman.

"The picture," said Mr. Collier, "is certainly a political satire, but I disagree entirely that for that reason it cannot be a painting. At the meeting a young and enthusiastic anarchist has invented a bomb more destructive than any hitherto known, and is displaying it to his admiring comrades. That is all."

"The posters displayed on the walls are copies of actual Bolshevik designs collected by Scotland Yard during the war. I was told about them, and went to the British Museum, where they are at present housed, in order to make copies. It is a remarkably interesting collection."

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail and Dollar Lines.

President Jackson, to-morrow.
President Pierce, Dec. 12th.
President Garfield, Dec. 17th.
President Taft, Dec. 18th.
President McKinley, Dec. 25th.
President Harrison, Dec. 31st.

Australian-Oriental Line.

Taiping, Jan. 7th.

Changteh, Feb. 7th.

Bank Line.

City of Pekin, Dec. 24th.

City of Madras, Jan. 21st.

City of Adelaide, Feb. 18th.

Ben Line.

Bendoran, Dec. 12th.

Blue Funnel Line.

Diomed, Dec. 13th.

Munoon, Dec. 13th.

Antenor, Dec. 16th.

Alachon, Dec. 17th.

Alchon, Dec. 20th.

Pyrrhus, Dec. 22nd.

Tidareus, Dec. 25th.

Patroclus, Dec. 26th.

Ision, Dec. 30th.

Perseus, Jan. 1st.

Myrmidon, Jan. 1st.

Rhezenor, Jan. 8th.

Rhezenor, Jan. 13th.

Protosilant, Jan. 17th.

Troilus, Jan. 22nd.

Nelous, Jan. 31st.

Vingchow, Feb. 2nd.

Philoctetes, Feb. 5th.

Talhybius, Feb. 7th.

Aeneas, Feb. 13th.

Autolyceus, Feb. 19th.

Achilles, Feb. 27th.

Medon, Feb. 28th.

Hellerophon, Mar. 2nd.

Calchas, Mar. 4th.

Sarpedon, Mar. 8th.

British-India and Apar Line.

Garmula, Dec. 12th.

Tilava, Dec. 12th.

Canadian Pacific Line.

Empress of Russia, Dec. 12th.

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Java, Jan. 15th.

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Eastern and Australian Lines.

Arufura, Jan. 2nd.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION Co.'s STEAMER "MORRA."

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Goods not cleared within 8 days including date of arrival will be subject to Rent.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 25th December, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

MAACKINNON, MAACKENZIE & Co., Agents.
Hong Kong, 9th Dec., 1927. [5628]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 15th December will be subject to Rent.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
9th December, 1927. [5625]

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All broken, chafed and damaged Packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined in the presence of Consignees by Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS, on 18th inst. at 10 a.m.

Claims against the Steamer must be presented on the Special Form provided, and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.
Hong Kong, 10th Dec., 1927. [5628]

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Motor Vessel

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Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 10th December, 1927, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 9th December, 1927, at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS.

All Claims must reach us before 24th December, 1927, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter. JERSEN & CO., Agents.
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SWATOW & BANGKOK "KWANGTUNG"	On 11th Dec.	8 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	On 13th Dec.	7 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	On 13th Dec.	5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI "CHINEUA"	On 14th Dec.	8 a.m.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	On 15th Dec.	Noon
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO "SZECHUEN"	On 17th Dec.	6 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK	On 17th Dec.	5 p.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK "KIANGSU"	On 18th Dec.	10 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	On 19th Dec.	5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI "LINAN"	On 23rd Dec.	8 a.m.
WEIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	On 23rd Dec.	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO "KOUCHOW"	On 24th Dec.	6 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY	On 25th Dec.	10 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	On 26th Dec.	7 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK "KAYING"	On 26th Dec.	10 a.m.
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Shipping News

Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.

December 8th.
Anika Maru, Japanese str., 4,337 tons, Capt. S. Kimura, from Kobe and Ito. The latter port she left on December 5th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A27.—N.Y.K.

Dakar Maru, Japanese str., 4,383 tons, Capt. A. Ito, from Shanghai, which port she left on December 5th, with cotton yarn and general cargo, lying at buoy No. A28.—N.Y.K.

Remo, Italian motor ship, 6,014 tons, Capt. G. Camelli, from Trieste and Singapore. The latter port she left on December 2nd, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Dodwell & Co.

Singapore, British str., 1,354 tons, Capt. W. Lumden, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B3.—B. & S.

Singapore Maru, Japanese str., 1,307 tons, Capt. G. Kawamura, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C13.—N.Y.K.

Sunkong, Chinese str., 329 tons, Capt. Lai Kwong, from Kowloon, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C44.—Man Yick S.S. Co.

Tjikelang, Dutch str., 3,025 tons, Capt. T. P. Scatzenburg, from Batavia, which port she left on November 30th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A8.—J.C.J.L.

Tonkin, French str., 607 tons, Capt. F. L. Morvan, from Haiphong, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C16.—M.M.

Waikiki, British str., 1,189 tons, Capt. Alexander, from Canton, lying at buoy No. B32.—Jardine Matheson & Co.

December 9th.

Africa, Danish motor ship, 5,469 tons, Capt. E. Hummelstrup, from Shanghai, which port she left on December 6th, with a cargo of ground nuts, lying at buoy No. A25.—John Manners & Co.

Antony, British str., 2,107 tons, Capt. G. Morse, from Singapore and Amoy, with a cargo of firewood, lying at Stonecutters.—B. & S.

Cyclops, British str., 3,763 tons, Capt. W. Cosker, from Singapore, which port she left on December 3rd, with a general cargo, lying at Hoit's Wharf.—B. & S.

Hellas, Norwegian str., 1,114 tons, Capt. W. Hannevig, from Bangkok and Swatow, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C15.—Thoresen & Co.

Mantua, British str., 10,945 tons, Capt. G. G. Randall, from Yokohama, which port she left on November 29th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Morro, British str., 10,954 tons, Capt. E. J. Thornton, R.D., R.N.R., from London, which London, which port she left on November 4th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

HEAVY PASSENGER LIST.

The P. & O. s.s. *Morea* had a long list of passengers from London and ports. There were 220 arriving here, of whom 129 were for this port, and 92 in transit for Shanghai and Japan. The ship arrived yesterday morning.

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

Per s.s. *Morea*, from London to Yokohama. For Hong Kong and ports:—Mr. and Mrs. J. Balston and infant, Mr. F. G. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. A. Marks, Mr. and Mrs. C. Mycock and infant, Master G. Mycock, Master E. Mycock, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Reeve and two children, Mr. and Mrs. G. Bird, Master Bird, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hancock and child, Miss Hancock, Miss M. Lloyd, Mr. E. F. Mendham, Mr. and Mrs. Peoples and infant, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ferguson, Misses Ferguson (two), Miss M. Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Chapman, Mr. G. T. Haslam, Mr. W. K. Cochrane, Col. and Mrs. McLaren, Miss McLaren, Mrs. H. F. Gerrard, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Summons and two children, Mrs. E. Ronaldson and infant, Mr. H. A. Duncan, Mr. W. R. Scott, Miss M. G. Sutherland, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Grossett, Miss M. Grossett, Mr. G. S. Alexander, Mr. F. E. Russell, Miss F. A. Cousins, Mr. W. Chittie, Mrs. M. Caswell and two children, Mr. L. D. Lemaire, Mr. W. Dukes, Mr. and Mrs. C. Knight, Miss E. A. Sillwell, Miss C. Lenwood, Miss E. S. Livens, Mr. and Mrs. F. Mitchell and two children, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Crouch and four children, Mr. M. Bolton, Miss E. M. Macrow, Miss B. Greenhill, Mr. J. Gardner, Miss M. F. Logan, Mrs. J. Peake, Miss G. Gibbon, Mrs. C. H. Tanner, Miss C. M. Stockdale, Mrs. Caldwell, Mr. A. E. Bergner, Mr. D. Watson, Mr. A. Brown, Sister E. Helena, Sister Hilda, Miss R. E. Kovalsky, Miss K. M. Slack, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Sale, Miss V. L. S. Reid, Mrs. C. H. McCormack, Mrs. Fielder and infant, Miss Fielder, Miss E. Spurling, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Thompson, Mr. H. R. Forsyth, Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson and two children, Mr. C. B. Johnston, Mr. K. M. Elscar, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Thomson and child, Mrs. E. Osorio, Mrs. A. Whelan, Mrs. A. Petersen, Miss H. G. Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. D. Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Napier, Rev. and Mrs. T. B. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Pearson, Miss Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. K. O. MacKenzie, Mr. L. D. MacNicol, Miss MacNicol, Mr. D'Arcy Wetherby, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Eckford and infant, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, Dr. T. Chalmers Borthwick, Mr. B. Ceitongham, Mrs. T. Ceitongham and child, Miss Austin, Master Brewer, Mr. C. E. Mott, Mr. Phelps, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Lewis, Lieut. and Mrs. Guston and child, Mr. and Mrs. D. Williams, Mr. W. R. Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. W. Coysh, Miss Coysh, Mr. H. R. Everett, Mr. C. H. Bryant, Mr. F. S. Odum, Mrs. H. Woodhouse, Mr. R. F. S. Louie, Miss Chung Eum Teng, Miss, Loh Teh Sang, Mrs. A. Walker, and child, Mr. M. E. Hazlett, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hoover, Mrs. H. Fairburn and infant, Mr. and Mrs. D. Timmins and infant, Mr. and Mrs. En Tons Seng, Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Wong, Mrs. Wong, Mr. J. L. Fenn, Mr. and Mrs. Tang Lye Choen, Miss Prouse, Miss Too Lung Mei, Mr. Siew Kim Sang, Mr. and Mrs. Hakman and two children, Mr. So Sum, Mr. Yourelo, Mr. Wu Lai Lai.

(Continued on next column.)

CLEARANCES.

December 8th.
Africa, for Singapore.
Busho Maru, for Keelung.
Chenau, for Hoihow.
Chindua, for Canton.
Cyclops, for Shanghai.
Dakar Maru, for Singapore.
Hai Ning, for Swatow.
Hanoi, for Kwong Chow Wan.
Helion, for Bangkok.
Ikoman Maru, for Bangkok.
Kaitu Maru, for Canton.
Kanagawa Maru, for Canton.
Mantua, for Singapore.
Morea, for Shanghai.
Remo, for Shanghai.
Sunkong, for Kwong Chow Wan.
Singapore, for Shanghai.
Taiwan, for Kwong Chow Wan.
Tak Hing, for Amoy.
Tonkin, for Haiphong.

ATLANTIC FLIER'S FATE.

LEAVE TO PRESUME HIS DEATH HELD OVER.

London, Nov. 8th.

Mr. C. E. Rochford applied to the President of the Probate Division of the High Court on behalf of Mrs. Violet Eleanor Hamilton for leave to presume the death as having occurred on or since August 31st this year of her husband, Capt. Leslie Hamilton, the airman.
Mr. Rochford said that Capt. Hamilton left Upavon aerodrome, Wiltshire, on August 31st, accompanied by the Princess Lowenstein Vertheim and Lieut. Col. Minchin, with the object of flying to Ottawa. The aeroplane was said to have been seen over Galway and later over the Atlantic.
Since then nothing had been seen or heard of the aeroplane or its occupants.
Lord Merrivale: It is common knowledge that the event became notorious.
Mr. Rochford: Yes, and I have exhibited copies of newspapers containing reports about it.
Lord Merrivale pointed out that the event was only ten weeks old. The ocean was wide and numerous contingencies might arise. In the circumstances he thought the application should stand over until next term.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Fancott, Hon. Fairburn, Mrs. Yourlo, Mr. P. P. Panjabi, Mr. N. H. Dharyanani, Mr. P. Gasille, Miss Gasille, Mr. A. Gasille, Mr. L. Gasille, Mr. Okuno, Mr. R. J. Brofin, and Mr. and Mrs. B. Guest.
Per Italian M.V. *Remo*, for Hong Kong:—Miss Francis Diane Meland, Mr. Koh Chap Lam, For Shanghai: Mr. Carlo Politi, Mrs. Rosamund Newson, Miss Berenice Bryan, Mr. Pietro Barone, Mr. Francesco Camella, Mr. Carlo Talirigo, Mr. Luigi Marco, Mr. Rangelio Palazzi, Mrs. Helen Anderson and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alb. Storkinens and two children.

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CANTON	"KWAI SANG"	Tues., 13th Dec., at 9 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"LAISANG"	Tues., 13th Dec., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"HINSANG"	Fri., 23rd Dec., at 3 p.m.
KOBE via AMOI, MOJI & YOKOHAMA	"KUMSANG"	Satur., 24th Dec., at 7 a.m.
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Motor Vessel "GLENAMOEY"	22nd December
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S.S. "DEUTFLINGER"	17th Jan., 1928.	14th Jan., 1928.
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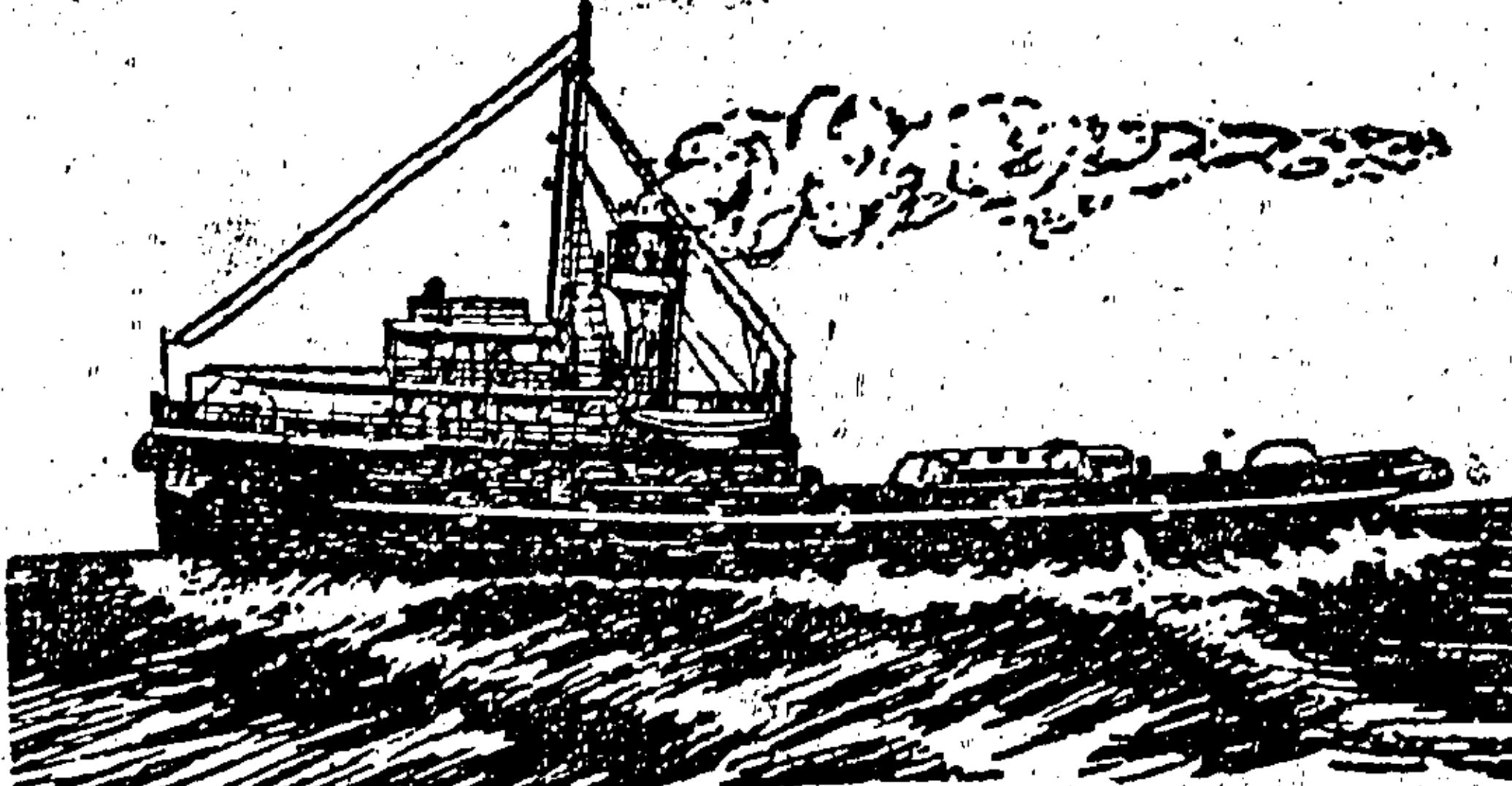
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SHANGHAI & SWATOW	Chakiang	10th Dec.
STRAITS	Fooking	11th Dec.
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STRAITS	Garmala	12th Dec.
MANILA	Pres. Pierce	12th Dec.
SHANGHAI and EUROPE via SIBERIA	Sado Maru	12th Dec.
SHANGHAI	Ohama	12th Dec.
MANILA	Emp. of Russia	12th Dec.
STRAITS	Memnon	12th Dec.
SHANGHAI	Diomed	13th Dec.
STRAITS	Haruna Maru	13th Dec.
STRAITS and London parcel mail (London, 4th Nov.)	any	14th Dec.
AUSTRALIA & MANILA	Aki Maru	15th Dec.
JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Hakosaki Maru	16th Dec.
SUEZ AND STRAITS	Antenor	17th Dec.
JAPAN	Bakuyo Maru	17th Dec.
SHANGHAI	Maekawa	17th Dec.
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. Gorkiel	17th Dec.
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. Taji	19th Dec.
JAPAN	Trago Maru	20th Dec.
MANILA	Helena	20th Dec.
SUEZ AND STRAITS	Pierius	22nd Dec.
STRAITS	City of Peking	24th Dec.
STRAITS	Pres. McKinley	25th Dec.
STRAITS	Kamo Maru	26th Dec.
SHANGHAI	Patricius	26th Dec.
JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Hakusan Maru	30th Dec.
SUEZ & STRAITS	Ision	31st Dec.
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. Harrison	31st Dec.

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PER	DATE
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 6th Jan., 1928	Manila	Saturday, 10th, Kooloon P.O. Reg. 9.00 A.M. Letters 10.00 A.M. G.P.O. 9.45 A.M. Letters 10.20 A.M. 11.30 A.M.
Hobow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Ohama	1.30 P.M.
Amoy	Tsukang	2.30 P.M.
Bangkok	Lamayan Maru	3.30 P.M.
Haiphong	Tosin	4.00 P.M.
Formosa	Glenfer	4.00 P.M.
Formosa, *Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., *Canada, U.S.A., *S. America, *Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 6th Jan., 1928	Siberia Maru	4.15 P.M. Letters 5.00 P.M.
San Francisco, 6th Jan., 1928	Tai Ming	4.30 P.M.
Samshui & Wuchow	Cyclops	5.00 P.M.
Shanghai & EUROPE via Siberia		
Bangkok via Swatow	Kuangyung	Sunday, 11th, 8.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Kayo Maru	9.00 A.M.
Swatow	Hydranga	Monday, 12th, 2.30 P.M.
Amoy	Sinkang	3.30 P.M.
Manila	Pres. Jackson	4.30 P.M.
Amoy	Fook Song	5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	Tuesday, 13th, Noon
*Straits and Calcutta	Lai Sang	Parcels Noon Letters 1.00 P.M. Kooloon P.O. 1.00 P.M.
Straits, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 15th Jan., 1928	Diomed	Reg. 1.00 P.M. Letters 1.30 P.M. G.P.O. 1.45 P.M. Letters 2.30 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., O. & S. America & EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 2nd Jan., 1928, & Europe via Siberia	Pres. Pierce	Parcels 3.00 P.M. Reg. 4.15 P.M. Letters 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai & Japan	Haruna Maru	4.30 P.M.
Swatow	Ohakung	5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Deli Maru	Thursday, 15th, 9.30 A.M.

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 Reserve Fund and Reserves ... £1,245,567

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Head Office:
 88, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital ... Frs. 72,000,000.00
 Paid-up Capital ... Frs. 68,400,000.00
 Reserve Fund ... Frs. 89,384,818.10

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Head Office: HONG KONG.
 No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL ... \$10,000,000
 PAID-UP CAPITAL ... 5,000,000
 RESERVE ... 1,200,000

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 SAVING DEPOSIT BOXES TO LET.
 KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager
 Hong Kong, 5th Sept., 1927.

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EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
 December 9th, 1927.

ON LONDON.—
 Telegraphic Transfer ... 2.00
 Bank Bills, on demand ... 2.00 7/16
 Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ...
 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ... 2.00 3/8
 Credits, at 4 months' sight ... 2.00 2/8
 Documentary Bills, at months' sight ... 2.00 1/4

ON PARIS.—
 Bank Bills,